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ISLAND'S VOICE IN COMPLAINT

Little Province's Grievances Again Ventilated in House of Commons

IMMIGRATION IS DISCUSSED

Mr. Pringle Proposes Series of Amendments to Banking Act

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Private members' day in the house was taken up with the grievance of Prince Edward Island in the matter of railway facilities, the need of extending free mail delivery to the municipalities adjacent to Montreal, the utilizing of the services of students with technical knowledge on public works, and the old story of immigration.

Mr. Wilson, of Lennox, and Addington gave a long disquisition on the need of better inspection and selection of immigrants, moving an amendment to that effect, and argued that the United States did those things much better than we did.

A characteristic complaint from Prince Edward Island was voiced by Alexander Martin, of Queens, who moved for all papers in possession of the government respecting the construction of branch railway lines in that province. The railway reports, which showed that large sums of money were paid in the island in railway construction, were not correct. What was needed by the people of that province was that the original comprehensive scheme before confederation of equipping the island with branch railway lines should be carried out, and this could be done without a very large expense. The industry of the government was confined to the time of a general election, when there was much activity in regard to surveys; then when the fight was lost or won, there was nothing done further. Confederation had done little for Prince Edward Island in comparison with what had been done for the other provinces. This was due to the neglect of the government in the matter of railway development.

Mr. Graham argued that from 1879 to 1896 there had been expended for construction of railways in the island \$340,650. From 1896 to 1907 the present government had spent \$3,550,000. He could assure the members from that province that a full investigation of the need of railway lines would be made, and if possible would be met. The talk on Mr. Cockshutt's resolution doing away with assisted immigration, which was first moved on July 15th, was resumed by Mr. Wilson. He strongly objected to the policy of the government in bringing in Doukhobors and such classes. He had a strong suspicion that the North Atlantic Trading company was still the power behind. Mr. Wilson wanted a much stricter method of inspection. He moved an amendment providing a more careful selection of sources from which immigrants should be sought and a more rigid inspection and the abolition of the bonus system. This was seconded by Mr. Blain. Dr. Cash moved the adjournment of the debate, and the house adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

R. A. Pringle, M. P. for Cornwall, will propose to the house a motion calling for amendments to the bank act:

1. To provide for government inspection.

2. To provide more stringent regulations as to circulation.

3. To make provisions as to percentage of capital and reserve that may be loaned to any one borrower.

4. To make provisions as to percentage that a bank may loan to its combined directorate.

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or discount that banks may contract for.

6. To revise the powers of the bankers' association.

Mr. Pringle will also ask for the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the whole banking situation in Canada.

Suicide's Funeral

Toronto, Feb. 17.—James J. Feehley, who shot himself after attempting to kill his wife, was buried in St. Michael's cemetery today. Roman Catholic clergymen refused to conduct a service, but there was no ceremony by the Canadian Order of Foresters. Neither Feehley's parents nor his widow would pay the cost of burial.

France Ahead of United States.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The commission sent by the French government to the United States to investigate mining disasters declare in its report made public today that the precautions to prevent gas explosions in the mines, and otherwise to safeguard the lives of miners are less effective in the United States than in France.

Lawyers Look to Pockets

Toronto, Feb. 17.—It is not likely that the proposed government resolution looking to a measure of law reform will be introduced in the legislature at once. The attorney-general has received a number of communications from law associations of the province in opposition to the measure. The principal objection to the bill appears to be that it will cut down law costs.

BRITISH PREMIER MAY LEAVE OFFICE

Sir Henry Does Not Recover Health—Not Likely to Become Peer

London, Feb. 17.—Rumors were numerous tonight in the lobbies of the House of Commons of the imminent translation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to the peerage from the premiership.

Inquiries in the best informed quarters, however, indicate that the premier's position has not changed since the latter part of January, when it was said that he would give his attention to only the more important matters of state. Sir Henry is still far from regaining his robust health, and before long, unless he becomes stronger, some definite course must be taken.

It is understood, however, that no decision is likely to be taken before Easter, when, if he still finds the duties of the premiership too great a tax, he will resign his position in favor of Herbert H. Asquith, and retain his seat in the Commons, rather than accept a peerage, thus following Gladstone's example.

GET OUT OF CHINA

Celestial Empire Said to Be Preparing to Issue Mandate to Europeans

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—At a meeting in the Young Men's Christian association headquarters the Rev. N. G. Poon Chew, editor of the Chinese World, told his audience that China was raising an army of 1,000,000 to drive the European nations from the empire.

"But she will never be a menace to America," said the editor, "because among other things we have learned recently is that the United States is the only nation on earth with a conscience."

The journalist talked on "China's possibility and the church's responsibility," and he interspersed his address with epigrams and figures of true Chinese terseness.

"China," he continued, "is just awakening from her slumbers and she is getting ready to go to war. When she does, she will send Germany, France, Russia, England and other robbing and thieving nations home in a hurry. If she ever tries again to grab any Chinese territory we will fill her full of glory holes, just as Japan did. China is destined to be the greatest nation on earth."

CURRENCY QUESTION

New York Bankers on Record as Opposed to Senator Aldrich's Bill

New York, Feb. 17.—The council of administration of the State Bankers' association met this afternoon and again this evening at the Union League club, and discussed banking legislation. President Chas. Elliott Warren, who presided, delivered an address in which he advocated an emergency currency, elastic, and based upon the currency of the banks themselves.

The council put itself on record today as unequivocally disapproving the provisions of the Aldrich financial bill now pending in the United States senate. The gathering included the chairmen of the individual groups of banks and bankers representing every county of the state.

The resolution follows: "That the bankers of the state of New York unequivocally disapprove of the provisions of the Aldrich bill; that they do not approve of a bond-secured emergency currency; that they demand an elastic currency based on bank assets, as provided in the measure of the currency commission of the American Bankers' association."

Massey-Harris Official Dead.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 17.—Geo. A. Whitaker, assistant manager for Ontario of the Massey-Harris Co., died this morning. He leaves three young sons.

For Dominion Fair.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A deputation representing the city council and the Central Canada Exhibition association, accompanied by the city members, who waited on the government today, to ask the grant for a Dominion fair here in 1909, was informed that it is the turn of another province, but should its claims be urged, Ottawa might stand a good chance of securing it.

MINERS CAUGHT BY MUD TORRENT

Twenty-Eight Men Imprisoned in Part of Pennsylvania Colliery

STRONG HOPE OF RESCUE

Gangway Where Men Are Confined Filled for Distance of 350 Feet

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Twenty-eight miners were imprisoned in the Midway colliery, near Mount Carmel, today by the breaking of a dam of water which had formed in a drift, which caused a rush of mud into the gangway where the men were at work. All day long a party of rescuers endeavored to reach the entombed men, and about 6 p. m. they were given encouragement by the sound of digging from the inside. Later a shot was also heard, indicating that the men were at work to effect their own rescue, and also giving assurance that the air is good.

Among the men entombed are a number of experienced miners, and it is believed that it will be possible to effect a rescue of all the men, unless some should have met death by being smothered in the rush of mud when the dam broke through the gangway. Several of them are Americans. They are P. Robert, miner, Mount Carmel; George Smith, driver, Mount Carmel; Wm. Farley, loader, Connorsville; Jos. McGovern, sorter, Midway; Albert Ford, loader, Mount Carmel; Charles Becker, miner, Midway; Bernard Shannon, miner, Midway. The other entombed men are foreigners.

The men had been employed in number 4 drift of the eastside gangway, driving a heading to the surface. The heavy rains and thaw of the last few days had caused a large amount of water to accumulate in number 2 drift and the pressure became so heavy that it finally broke through, and a great sea of mud flowed into the gangway where the men were at work. It filled for a distance of 350 feet, and it will be necessary to dig through the barrier of mud to get at the workmen from this direction.

Three different rescuing parties have been put to work in an endeavor to release the entombed men, one force is digging away the great bank of mud which filled the headway, another gang is engaged in driving a headway from an adjoining headway, while a third has been put to work at a point where the entombed men were to have driven the heading to the surface from the gangway in which they are now imprisoned.

It is believed that the last-named gang will be the first to reach the entombed men. Great crowds of people have gathered around the mouth of the slope, and have announced their intention of remaining all night. They include the families of the entombed men.

SUNDAY CAMPAIGN WAS TOO STRENUOUS

Winnipeg Police Commissioners Decide to Moderate the Pace

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—The announcement that the police commission had decided to display more restraint in the prosecution of Lord's Day act violations created much satisfaction throughout the city, especially among business men.

The police too expressed relief. They made no rounds yesterday, and will probably do nothing more in that direction until the more important cases now on the lists are disposed of. Some will be made tests.

The commissioners' decision was in reference to a widespread feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the city over the methods of the police, who were acting under the police commission's instructions not to discriminate. The feeling became so acute that the Lord's Day Alliance thought it necessary to disavow responsibility for the crusade. Rev. W. M. Rochester issued a lengthy statement to that effect.

CINCINNATI'S TURN TO FEEL THE FLOODS

High Water Stage Expected Today—Rivers Recede at Pittsburgh

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—The flood stage of the Ohio river at this point, 50 feet, will probably be reached tomorrow. Prospects of a higher stage depend on weather conditions at up-river points, but at least 55 feet is the expected stage. This would seriously cripple all train service to the Grand Central.

Already along the Ohio river, thousands of acres are inundated, many people having been driven to high ground, and much damage has been done. Acute suffering, however, will not ensue until the 50-foot stage is reached. Riverside, parts of Seamsville, Turkey bottoms and sections of the river towns will be inundated. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 17.—The rivers in Pittsburgh and its suburbs have re-

turned to the limits of their banks, and the flood is over.

Friends fear that David Reed, a steamboat fireman, and Edward Hesse have been drowned in two Pennsylvania avenue houses that collapsed during the flood. Nearly a score of others had narrow escapes. Steel and iron mills and other industrial plants have begun the cleaning up process, and some of them will be able to operate tomorrow.

Many families are in distress on account of the flood, and charitable institutions have demands far in excess of their resources.

The body of one man was found floating in the river today, and two others are missing. Over 20,000 men are temporarily thrown out of work. Thousands are living in the second floors of their houses, and the patrolmen in skiffs are distributing the necessities of life. In one of the homes a boy gave birth to a young son, and it has been named Robinson Crusoe. To reach the house physicians had to use a skiff and ladder. Conservative estimates place the damage close to \$2,000,000.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 17.—The crest of the Ohio river flood was reached at 9 o'clock with 42.7-10 feet. It is expected to recede this afternoon. All trolley lines and railroads except the Pennsylvania and two lines of the Baltimore & Ohio are out of commission. All the flooded streets are frozen over. Hundreds of destitute families are being cared for by the board of trade and the city authorities.

CASE OF JAPANESE TO COME UP TODAY

Validity of Natal Act May Be Tested in Court Proceedings

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Mr. Sigamora, Japanese vice-consul, called at the state department today to learn what was being done in regard to the alleged arrest of two of his countrymen in British Columbia under the Natal act of the British Columbia legislature. Nothing is known officially here of the arrest, but it is understood that the representatives of the justice department at Vancouver have instructions to take proceedings, when necessary, to have the Natal act declared unconstitutional.

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The two Japanese mill hands from Portland, who insisted that they had a right to enter British Columbia, although they could not speak a word of English, are in gaol at New Westminster. They were deprived of their liberty, as the Natal act does not provide for the acceptance of a bond. Their case will be heard tomorrow. Constable Spain made the arrest, and informed the attorney-general, who appointed Robert Cassidy, K. C., to represent the provincial government in the matter.

The two Japanese were bound north on the Great Northern train early on Friday morning, and were first questioned by Officer George Hutchinson, stationed at Douglas, near Blaine. Through their interpreter they absolutely declined to return to Portland.

SNOW'S DISAPPEARANCE

Waited Not Until the Police Would Be Prepared to Make it Hot for Him

New York, Feb. 17.—Preparations were made by the Brooklyn police today to send out a general request to the police throughout the country to arrest Henry S. Snow, former treasurer of the New York and New Jersey Telephone company, who was indicted on a charge of grand larceny last Friday. It is charged that Snow secured a loan on \$120,000 worth of stock of the company for which he has not paid, and that some of the company's securities which were in his custody have disappeared. He has been missing from his home in Brooklyn since Thursday and is alleged to be a fugitive from justice. The police have been expecting that he would return and surrender, and have been following all clues that indicated a hiding place, without result. The police now believe that Snow left the city as soon as he heard the case was to be taken before the grand jury, and unless he return before tomorrow morning, they say they will send a description of him and a request for his arrest broadcast throughout the United States. Some of his business associates are inclined to believe that he went to his summer home on the Vermont side of Lake George; others hazard the guess that he may be at a country place he purchased in Connecticut last spring.

Franco Plot Failed.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Senhor Sebastiao Magalhães Lima, a Portuguese republican, who is now in exile in Paris, has made public a letter from a friend in which it is set forth that the followers of former Premier Franco plotted to re-instate their leader, but that they failed on account of the refusal of the leading officers of the army to support the movement.

Young Hargis' Defence.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 17.—In the defence of B. Hargis, who is expected to be indicted soon for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, the expenses will be paid out of the \$50,000 which is the boy's share of his father's large estate. Counsel for young Hargis will claim self-defence, that his father choked him and knocked out several of his teeth before the son fired.

Toronto Unemployed.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Three hundred unemployed marched to the city hall this morning and asked for work. They claimed that the labor bureau established by the city has not worked out properly, and that while regular men are given steady employment, men who are registered at the labor bureau are ignored. There were 2,300 men registered at the bureau waiting work. No promise of work was given.

RUSSIA EXCITED OVER WAR IDEA

Matter of Readiness for Contest With Turkey Comes Up in Duma

MOVEMENT ON FRONTIER

Ambassadors of Several Countries Look on Affair as a Bluff Game

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The alarmist reports of the possibility of hostilities between Russia and Turkey, which have permeated all strata of Russian society have now assumed the proportions of a veritable war scare, to which the sensational press is devoting its biggest headlines. The situation is taken seriously, not only in military circles, but also by conservative politicians.

M. Guchkoff, the leader of the majority in the Duma, tonight announced his intention of raising at the next meeting of the national defense committee the question of the nation's readiness for war, which he believes is of most vital importance in view of the news from Caucasasia and all parts of Europe. He also proposes to interpellate the minister of communications on the ability of the railroads, particularly in the Caucasus and the trans-Caspian, to transport troops quickly to the south and southwestern frontiers.

M. Kovinski, the vice-commissioner, stated that the situation is grave, and takes issue sharply with a number of generals who appeared before the commission and stated that in their opinion the possibility of hostilities this year was excluded. The general staff continues to give the situation the most serious consideration.

Persons arriving from Siberia, however, state that for several months there has been an unbroken movement of Siberian troops to the southwest in the direction of trans-Caspian districts and Turkistan, from which points they could be most easily concentrated on the Turkish frontier. Tiflis advices to the Associated Press indicate that preparations are steadily making for any eventualities.

A competent diplomatic opinion, however, takes a more optimistic view. The ambassadors of five of the leading powers, when interviewed today, considered the possibility of hostilities as being almost out of the question. They gave it as their opinion that the Turkish mobilization in Asia Minor and the warlike preparations in Russia are parts in the "gigantic game of bluff," which neither side would be able to carry to a finish on account of lack of sinews of war.

Turks on the Move.

Tiflis, Feb. 17.—Reports received here from Armenia declare that all the Redifs, or Turkish army, are moving in Van, Mush and the other vilayets of Asia Minor have been called to the colors, and are proceeding there for the frontier. At the same time a league of all the Turkish revolution parties is increasing the revolutionary agitation. Appeals and proclamations are being issued exhorting the population to protest in every way possible against the warlike plans of the Sultan. The league holds that war would be especially disastrous at the present time, as there is a famine in Asia Minor. At Tiflis the apprehension of hostilities has not abated. The Russian military authorities have reported that all horses in the Caucasus suitable for military purposes be registered. The doctors of Tiflis held a meeting and volunteered their services in case of war. The concentration of Turkish reserves on the Persian and Russian frontiers in Asia Minor, if correct, is an outcome of the border dispute with Persia. Turkish troops crossed the Persian frontier in the vicinity of Urumiah and committed depredations. Russia, under her treaty obligations to Persia, objected to this, and commenced the concentration of a strong force on the frontier of the Caucasus. This show of military activity was thought to have been sufficient to put a stop to the Turkish aggression, and the Russian movement was said to have been discontinued. If the reports from Armenia are true, the difficulty down in Asia Minor, which is closely connected with the railroad aspiration of the powers in the Balkans, may assume serious aspects.

Caldwell's Case.

London, Feb. 17.—The report that Robert Caldwell, the American who gained considerable notoriety during the recent hearing in London of the Druce case, has been committed to an asylum in the United States came as a surprise here. It is understood that a representative of the British Home Office will make an independent investigation of the alleged commitment in New York. If this agent is satisfied of the genuineness of Caldwell's insanity the extradition proceedings against him on a charge of perjury will be stopped, otherwise steps will be taken to have the ruling of the court set aside.

Bought By Mackenzie and Mann.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The rumored sale of the control of the Electrical Development company to Mackenzie and Mann interests is further confirmed by a circular which was issued to shareholders today. A meeting of the shareholders is called for Feb. 26, to confirm a bylaw to convert one-half of the capital stock into preference-bearing non-cumulative dividends at the rate of five per cent. until January 1st, and thereafter to accumulate dividends at the same rate. The circular is taken to mean that the holders of half their holdings being converted into five per cent. preferred stock, are to hand over the remaining 50 per cent. of their shares to some party or parties to be indicated, presumably Mackenzie and Mann.

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REDUCE TAXES
NEXT SESSION

Personal Property Tax Will Probably Be Diminished By the Government.

NO INVESTIGATION NEEDED

Government Votes Down Resolution of Mr. Hawthornthwaite

An important announcement was made at the sitting of the legislature yesterday by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance. This was to the effect that the government was considering a reduction of the personal property tax and at next session they will probably bring in a measure reducing it materially. Mr. Tatlow, in answer to a question upon the order, stated that the government had considered the advisability of handing a portion of the tax over to the municipalities but had later deemed it preferable to remit it direct to the individual.

The session was marked by the debate upon Mr. Hawthornthwaite's resolution looking to a commission to enquire into the situation in the coal mines. Mr. Hawthornthwaite in his preamble alleged that most of the laws for the protection and relief of the miners were set at naught. He specifically stated that at Comox there were many hundred Asiatics employed who knew nothing of English and who through their ignorance were a menace to the lives of the white miners.

His remarks brought Hon. Richard McBride to his feet with a defence of the mines department, and the officials under it. He referred to the inspectors of coal mines under the act in highly eulogistic terms, and maintained that there was no necessity for an enquiry for no specific complaints had ever been received by the department. The miners had their board of examiners in the different collieries. The miners at Comox were so satisfied with conditions that they had never availed themselves of the right to appoint an examiner. They had been satisfied to leave this to the government. The premier's remarks were received with applause. Mr. Macdonald did not express an opinion on the justice of Mr. Hawthornthwaite's contentions, nor had he anything to say against the mines department. He thought that the best interests of the province would be served by having an enquiry, however.

The resolution was voted down on a straight party vote, the government against the united opposition.

The third reading of the bill to incorporate the Hudson Bay Pacific railway company took place. A number of bills were committed and will be reported tomorrow. The house in committee again considered the University bill, but rose and reported progress. J. A. Macdonald moved to strike out the section dealing with the granting of theological degrees by theological colleges in affiliation with the university but this was voted down.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayers by the Rev. George Kinney

Oriental in Mines.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: I beg to move Whereas this legislature enacted in 1895 an act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation act, providing that no person should be employed underground in any coal mine for a longer period than eight hours from "bank to bank" (surface entrance into a mine); and

Whereas this legislature further enacted in 1903-4 an act to further amend the Coal Mines Regulation act, which provides "Coal Miner" shall mean a person employed underground in any coal mine to cut, shear, break or loosen coal from the solid, whether by hand or machinery, and, after the coming into force of this act, possessed of a certificate of competency as such; and further, III. "No certificate of competency shall be granted to any coal miner who does not satisfy the majority of the board of examiners that he is sufficiently conversant with the English language, and with the provisions of the acts relating to coal mining and rules and regulations made thereunder, to render his employment as such safe; and also that he has been employed in a coal mine for at least twelve months previous to the date of his application for such certificate, and has sufficient knowledge of methods of coal mining to render him competent to perform the duties appertaining to his employment"; and

Whereas it is well known that these and other laws for the protection of underground workers in coal mines are not observed in the coal mines on Vancouver Island, more especially the mines operated by the Union Colliery company; and

Whereas it is also well known that a horde of illiterate Orientals are employed underground in the mines at Cumberland;

Therefore, be it resolved that the government take prompt measures to enforce the laws in question.

Statements Misleading.

He remarked that the statements which had been given out by the department of mines with respect to the number of Orientals employed in these mines, and especially underground, had been misleading and incorrect. But he did not charge the minister of mines with deliberately misleading the house in this respect. On the contrary, he was quite satisfied that the minister had been himself deceived; although the result in either case was the same. Many accidents had occurred, and undoubtedly these were due to the incompetency of these men who were employed on face work, and the public in this province was not aware of the facts. The first minister had told the house that the Oriental miners in the Cumberland mines received the same wages which were paid to the white miners. But he found in W. L. Mackenzie King's report on Oriental Immigration that these men's wages varied from \$1.00 to \$1.90 a day. The hon. the first minister had been deceived on this point by the company, by whom scores of these Orientals were employed underground in defiance of the law. He was informed that this company employed 350 whites and 1,750 Orientals in that town, and that upwards of 1,000 of the latter were working underground in open defiance of the law, as

far as the examinations are concerned. These men were not qualified, and as a rule were an undesirable class for employment underground. It was well known that it was the policy of this company to favor the employment of a certain class underground, holding that the Orientals were more desirable for this purpose than the ordinary white labor, for this was most unfair to other corporations in the province which only employed white men; for this was the only company in the province which used this class of labor. There were other corporations which carried on operations on an extensive scale, but which did not employ Oriental labor at all. And as all this was eminently unfair and unjust, some steps must be taken to find a remedy. The miners themselves were practically helpless in the matter. It was true that these men were supposed to elect a member of the mining board; but if one of these men took the position and did his duty, he would assuredly lose his job in 24 hours. And if all the members of trades unions in the mines were not discharged, trades union officials would unquestionably lose their positions.

Opposed to Unions.

Having quoted at some length from the evidence given by Hon. James Dunsmuir before the commission, in which he declared his objection to all forms of union labor, Mr. Hawthornthwaite said it was impossible in such conditions for the men working in these mines to form unions and to obtain protection in this way, and they had absolutely to depend upon the protection of their lives. For, he insisted, that these men were not and had not been receiving the protection which they should possess. Some weeks ago, through an explosion which had occurred in one of the mines, a number of men were injured, and one or two of them, whom he had seen, had been injured and maimed for life. He was convinced that these accidents were not reported as fully as they should be, and that the public was not properly informed on the subject.

It was said that injured men could obtain compensation, but the fact was that they simply dare not take advantage of the law for the slightest injury, as they would not be again employed. And even when men were killed, their widows dared not seek damages, lest their children be practically driven out of the district. Such a condition of affairs was abnormal, and should not be permitted to exist in this province. He strongly urged the minister of mines to send a thorough investigation into all these matters, and ascertain whether his statements were, or were not, correct. He was satisfied that his statements were quite correct, and it was the duty of the government of the house to make an investigation and let the public know the truth.

Premier's Reply

Hon. Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take up two or three of the statements of my hon. friend, and told him that I have been deceived and deceived by officials of my department. Well, my hon. friend, in that case must refer to the inspectors of my department. These gentlemen are three in number, but not one of them was appointed by this government, and all of them have been officials of the department and members of the civil service for some years. With regard to two of them, complaints were at one time made, but the official investigation, which followed, showed that these complaints were absolutely groundless. (Hear, hear.) And speaking for myself, sir, as the minister in charge of the department of mines, I have nothing to say in respect to these gentlemen except to express the strongest possible confidence in these officials.

It is an easy thing, sir, to make a charge against civil service officials, but we frequently find in such instances that there is no foundation for the charges. (Hear, hear.) The hon. friend, Mr. McBride, in the cases of Messrs. McGregor and Dick when an investigation took place. And if any direct complaints, framed along the lines of the charges, which are now preferred by my hon. friend, are submitted to my department I shall be only too happy and too pleased to order a strict inquiry to be made, and to see that every possible facility shall be given for a very full and a very complete investigation. (Cheers.)

Official Figures

Mr. Speaker, when I was addressing the house the other day on this subject, I had in my opinion at any rate every justification for every statement which I gave to my hon. friend, who now tells the house that on his information 350 white men and 1,750 Orientals are employed at the Union mines. My hon. friend does not state the source of his information, but I would take it that this comes from some one in that locality. My information on the subject, however, sir, is more direct, and is of a departmental character, and the figures which I will give to the house will go to show that instead of 1,750 Orientals being employed in these mines there are but 405. (Hear, hear.) The complete figures are as follows:

Employed by the Wellington Colliery at Comox under ground: Chinese miners, 52; runners, 13; mule-drivers, 34; and laborers, on roads, etc., 39; and by white miners as helpers, and not paid by the company, 122, making a total of 260; while these are the figures for the Japanese: Miners, 27; runners, 8; mule-drivers, 8; laborers on roads, etc., 12; and employed by white miners and contractors as helpers and paid entirely by them, 82, making a total of Japanese of 145; or a grand total of 405 Asiatics employed underground, of whom 204 are employed and paid by miners and contractors, and 201 are employed and paid by the company. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Hawthornthwaite Disputes

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: Is this the number employed by the company altogether?

Hon. Mr. McBride: Yes, underground.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: I am informed that 1,750 are working for the company, and I would like to ask about the 500 Japanese under contract to this company.

Hon. Mr. McBride: Well, I am not here to answer for the company. Now, Mr. Speaker, I wish at once to make my position clear in respect to this whole matter. I am not here in any capacity as the spokesman for the Union Colliery company. I am merely here to advise the house in regard to the facts so far as the department has knowledge of them. (Hear, hear.)

Through Examining Board

The strength of my hon. friend's case if it has anything at all in it, lies in the statement that the lives of white men are endangered by employment underground of Asiatics who are illiterate and who know nothing of the workings of mines. I have submitted figures showing how many of these people are engaged in the mines, and

now comes the question how do these men come to be employed in the mines as miners? And I answer only through the agency of the examining board, on which the miners themselves have representation, under the coal mines regulation act.

In the winter of 1901-2, I am informed by the deputy minister of mines, a deputation of miners, headed by Ralph Smith, met a deputation of miners in Victoria, when they expressed their entire satisfaction with the scheme adopted. And since then no complaints have been made to the department that it was not working satisfactorily under the provisions adopted in the act and in amending acts for the guidance of the board.

Formerly the board consisted of five members, of whom two were appointed by the company, two were elected by the miners and one was appointed by the government, who also acted as secretary. They were each paid \$100 a day for their services. In 1904 the board has consisted of three members of whom one is appointed by the company, one is elected by the miners, and one is appointed by the government and acts as secretary, and the scheme has throughout worked so satisfactorily that there have absolutely been no complaints; while everybody has felt that the law was being complied with in a substantial way. (Cheers.)

Have Never Elected Man

In Cumberland the miners have never availed themselves of the right and privilege of electing a member of this board, and under rule 10, with the approval of the miners, the board was completed. The minister of mines was also obliged to appoint members or alternates at the Nanaimo colliery of the Western Fuel Company.

The department is not aware that any person is employed as a coal miner in connection with any colliery without being in possession of a certificate of competency (hear), and if any person is so employed, it is not the fault of the department that the clauses of the act in this relation have not been properly enforced. (Hear, hear.)

The inspectors have very explicit instructions, sir, from the department to spare no effort in seeing that the laws and regulations are enforced to the very letter. (Hear, hear.) And what is more, sir, they have particular instructions to take their information from all sources, and to make themselves quite as closely acquainted with the views of the miners as with those of the companies themselves, acting in every respect as independent and as efficient officers of the crown, giving no favors and receiving none, and at all times to do everything connected with their duty in an absolutely fair and impartial manner. (Cheers.) These, sir, are the instructions which they have from the department, and so long as they do their duty along these lines, their work will receive the fullest endorsement of the government. (Cheers.)

Now, Mr. Speaker, there is absolutely nothing in this matter which savors of party politics, nor is there in it any question, which to my mind, involves political controversy, but sir, everything that is in any way connected with the administration of the department of mines must be considered a matter of grave importance. (Hear, hear.) And it will not at all do to have it go broadcast throughout the country that this administration is not an efficient administration. (Hear, hear.)

Two More Inspectors

I have spoken, sir, of the three inspectors who have been officials of the department in years gone by, and who are still in the service of the country. Let me now add that the intention of the department having in view the development of other coal mines in the province of British Columbia, to increase the number of inspectors and to have this change take place at the end of the fiscal year, so that by the opening of the fiscal year of 1909 we shall have two additional inspectors. (Hear, hear.) The coal mine in Nicola is being opened up, and promises very considerable development, while other mines are being opened up on Vancouver Island, and in the very near future additional mines will be brought into operation in Southeast Kootenay. (Hear, hear.)

Conditions in Cumberland

Now, just a word or two in regard to the conditions in Cumberland. I feel quite satisfied, sir, that my hon. friend in his address this afternoon rather directed his observations against the corporation involved than against the administration of the department of mines (hear, hear), and simply because there is nothing directly at his disposition that would enable him to ask this house to pass judgment on some resolution promptly against this corporation, he must needs make his attack upon the department of mines. (Hear, hear.) Well, sir, I have already emphasized the statement that I am not here to speak for the corporation. (Hear, hear.) But in view of the rather violent observations for which my hon. friend has become responsible in the attacks that he made some days ago in this house when he was dealing with this subject, I took it upon myself to make a few enquiries. Now, sir, it is quite true that this company employs foreign labor, but on the strength of the statement of the secretary of the corporation, I again repeat that the wages which are paid to Orientals at Cumberland are precisely on the same scale as those which are paid to the white miners. My hon. friend quotes from the report of Mr. King, but this has only regard to men who later on were to be employed by the company, and does not concern those who are already in the employ of the company. I followed my hon. friend in the evidence very closely, and it is quite evident from the report which I have in my hands, that my statement of the other day was quite correct. (Hear, hear.) And the statement is made here that in clause applies only to those who were to be brought to the mines, and not to the men who were already employed there.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: Does the hon. gentleman mean to say that these Indians and Orientals are paid from \$3 to \$5 a day?

Hon. Mr. McBride: I am distinctly advised by the secretary of the company that the scale of wages which govern the employment of the Oriental miners is precisely the same as that which governs the employment of the white miners. (Hear, hear.) Possibly the Oriental miner may not lift the same amount of coal as is lifted by the white miners, but both classes of men are paid the same rate, and I give to the house the source of my information, the secretary of the company, and it must be taken for whatever it is worth. (Hear, hear.) And speaking generally with regard to the conditions which my hon. friend has described to the house this afternoon, I cannot believe, Mr. Speaker, that today there are in the



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circumstances which surround the operation of the Union colliery, facts that would justify this house in concluding that at the present time these mines are unsafe, and that the miners, as individuals, who are in the employ of that company are working under a policy of fear and tyranny. (Hear, hear.)

Question of Tyranny

My hon. friend says that no miners who are working in the Union collieries dare make a complaint, and that they dare not stand up for the rights which are generally acknowledged to be the privilege of all men who live in the province of British Columbia—perfect freedom in expressing and in exercising their own views and opinions.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite—I only referred to members of trades unions.

Hon. Mr. McBride—I am unable to speak on that point, but I must say it does strike me as a rather extraordinary thing that while the miners in all the other sections of this province are free to belong to the trades union organizations, these miners are not able to do exactly the same thing. (Hear, hear.) And this, sir, leads me to another observation. I well remember my hon. friend in years gone by, condemning trades unions in the most emphatic fashion.

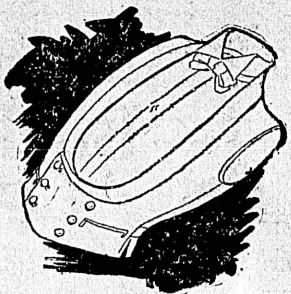
Mr. Hawthornthwaite—I challenge the hon. gentleman to produce the report of any such statement.

Hon. Mr. McBride—If the hon. gentleman says I am in error I will retract the statement at once; but I recall the hon. gentleman, although perhaps he was not in earnest at the time, condemning in this legislature the incursions into British Columbia of these

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COMPANY CLAIMS TO HAVE MONOPOLY

B. C. Electric Co. Takes Exception to Granting City Right to Supply Power

The Victoria Waterworks bill was considered by the private bills committee of the legislature this morning and the arguments of counsel representing the various interests affected, were heard.

Four petitions against the proposed act have been received and the bill will probably spend some time in committee.

The most radical opposition to provisions of the bill is contained in the petition of the British Columbia Electric company. E. V. Bodwell, K.C., represented the company but, owing to his being unavoidably absent, the power clauses were not considered at the sitting yesterday.

The petition of the company virtually sets forth the contention that the company has the exclusive right to supply electricity, electrical power or power of any kind to the city of Victoria, or to the district within a radius of ten miles.

The preamble to the petition sets forth:

"That the said act among other things provides that the corporation of the city of Victoria shall have power to construct, operate and maintain electric works, power houses, generating plants and such other appliances and conveniences as are necessary or proper for the generating of electricity and electric power or any other form of developed power and for transmitting the same to be used by all persons contracting with the corporation thereof, within a radius of ten miles from the city hall in the city of Victoria, as a motive power for the operation of motors, or machinery or electric lighting or other works; and to supply the said power for heating, and for aid of any industry, manufacture, or work of any description to which it may be adapted; and also to supply the said power for any other purpose for which electricity or electric power may be employed, or required; and also to build, construct, maintain telephone and telegraph poles and wires, and all other plant, material and works which are necessary for carrying on a general electrical business."

"That, if the said powers are granted to the said corporation, the said corporation will be enabled to enter into competition with your petitioners in respect of the matters in which the said franchise has been granted to your petitioners by the city of Victoria, and they will also be able to become competitors with your petitioners in all kinds of electrical business of general and supplying electricity or light, heat and motive power within and without the city of Victoria.

"Your petitioners submit that if the said powers are granted to the said corporation they will operate as a direct infringement upon the statutory powers, privileges and franchises enjoyed by your petitioners."

Argument upon the above will be heard next week by the committee.

Esquimalt Water Company.

Representing the Esquimalt Waterworks company, A. P. Luxton, K.C., pointed out that there was a vested meaning in the various clauses of the bill.

The city asked the right to go upon the lands of the Esquimalt Waterworks company or to drive a tunnel beneath it. They could thus, without paying adequate compensation, divert the present company's water. W. J. Taylor, K.C., representing the city, maintained that this clause was merely that the city might tunnel under a certain section of the lands of the Esquimalt Waterworks company in order to get a more direct line of pipe to Sooke lake, whence the city expected to draw their supply. This was shorter than laying a pipe line around, which would necessitate going some thirty miles, and by which route the fall would not be so good.

Mr. Taylor maintained that the tunnel would not divert water from the Esquimalt company's watershed.

Mr. Luxton took exception to this on the grounds that the tunnel might divert water from the audit or assure a divert all the water from one or other of the reservoirs.

Frequent references were made by both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Luxton to the recent judgment of the privy council.

Oak Bay's Objections.

H. G. Lawson, representing the municipality of Oak Bay, took exception to certain clauses of the proposed act. He pointed out that power was sought by Victoria to expropriate any land or lay mains required in the municipality of Oak Bay. He asked that in the event of this being granted that a clause giving Oak Bay reciprocal rights in the city of Victoria be granted. He further asked that in the event of the section of the bill authorizing the city to supply water to adjacent municipalities be passed that a clause compelling the city to deliver the water in bulk to the municipality to distribute it as it saw fit and also that the rate be fixed. He objected to the city being granted the right to record water within the municipality.

The latter, Mr. Taylor, at once agreed to waive. After some discussion it was thought that Victoria and Oak Bay could come to some decision outside the committee.

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The proceedings were watched by Mayor Hall, City Solicitor Mann, and Water Commissioner Raymur on behalf of the city, by Reeve Oliver on behalf of Oak Bay, and T. Lubbe, of the Esquimalt Waterworks company.

Supt. Huesey Starts Back

Superintendent Huesey, of the provincial police, started back for Victoria from Salt Lake yesterday with the Italian, Cedio, who is charged with blowing up a hotel at Niagara over a woman.

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TOO MUCH MONEY FOR MERE ORNAMENTATION

Ald. Cameron Thinks Money Might Be Spent to Better Purpose

That the city is going ahead too fast with its policy of boulevarding the city streets and expending too much money on the mere ornamentation of the thoroughfares, when many streets are in a bad condition and require attention to make them of service, was the opinion of Ald. Cameron, expressed at last night's meeting of the city council. He was inclined to think that after the city had provided for the grading and macadamizing of streets and the laying thereon of permanent sidewalks, it had gone far enough. In view of the great amount of necessary work to be done on many streets that are at present practically impassable, he considered that this ornamental part of the work was taking a too prominent part; that it could be well left over, as it is crowding out necessary improvements.

He made it clear that he is not against the local improvement idea. In fact, he declared himself to be in favor of it, but he considered it a pity that money was spent on putting in boulevards and planting trees on these thoroughfares, while on other streets the property owners were complaining of the unsatisfactory conditions. On some of the streets trees were being planted, where, as a matter of fact, trees should be cut down.

Ald. Cameron's remarks were occasioned by a resolution introduced by Ald. Henderson that it is desirable to grade, macadamize and construct permanent sidewalks with curb and gutter, and also boulevards on Gladstone avenue from Stanley to Belmont avenues, and also to grade, macadamize and construct boulevards, with curb and gutter, on Cross street, between St. John and Montreal streets, and to provide for the annual up-keep of such boulevards.

Might Be Better Spent.

Ald. Cameron thought it was time for the council to consider this question of boulevards, and how they were going to be taken charge of. When submitted as above it was not a question for the property owner to say whether as ratepayers they should adopt the whole or a part, and he felt that it was going a little too fast. He did not wish to indicate that he was against the boulevard system, but when a road had been graded and macadamized and permanent sidewalks laid, the city should be far enough for the time being. Later the ornamental part of the work could be done.

Ald. Fullerton pointed out that in the case of boulevards such work is done only after the property owners request it, and have agreed to pay for it. He considered it would be a great mistake if the plan adopted by the last council were now discontinued.

Ald. Henderson pointed out that the city had much work ahead to be done under the local improvement plan that the city cannot attend to it, and argued from that that the people were in favor of the improvements.

Beyond Its Income.

Ald. Hall agreed with Ald. Cameron, declaring that the aesthetic taste was being acquired while the city was still on a cornfield and cabbage income. The necessary work on the streets should be done first, and afterwards, when the question of beautifying them arose, it would be time to consider the matter.

Mayor Hall pointed out that there was a lot of talk about which the ratepayer did not have information, and that was what the system of boulevarding cost. Last year it had cost seven cents per foot front.

After some discussion the resolution of Ald. Henderson carried, as did also one by the same alderman providing for the laying of a permanent sidewalk on Cook street, between Fort and Pandora streets.

Owing to the amount of other business before the meeting the question of the high pressure salt water system of the city was not recommended in the report of the fire wardens, which was to have been considered at last night's meeting, was left over till next meeting.

Question of Rates

In connection with this matter of better protection from fire the following communication from Foster Macgurn was read and laid over:

Re Fire Protection

Gentlemen: As the recommendations of the fire wardens for better protection against fire in this city will be considered by your honorable body tonight, I desire to call your attention to some points that I think are very important.

1. The companies, through their head offices, after the fire of July 1907, have been making a serious study of the situation in Victoria, and they felt it necessary to increase the rates in the congested business portion by an addition of 30 per cent, and their manner of doing it was to make it an extra and not incorporate it in the regular rates.

2. The hydraulic engineer, Mr. Howe, employed by the head offices, came here to make a thorough investigation and report. He spent several weeks on the work and you have his printed report before you, which discloses a very serious condition of things and that we are liable to have our city entirely wiped out by a fire which may take place at any time but more likely during the dry season.

3. The fire wardens after, I am certain, careful consideration recommend a salt water system to cost some \$55,000.

Now this matter is too important to be hurriedly considered, and I think it would be well before adopting any course to take steps and ascertain from the head offices of the companies just what will be satisfactory to them, and naturally the proposed plan of the fire wardens would, in that case, be submitted to their hydraulic engineer.

Companies May Insist

The companies could not be considered unreasonable if they insisted upon all the recommendations of their engineer being carried out because they are paying in direct taxes to the city of Victoria a sum which would pay the interest on the \$250,000 at say, 5 per cent.

The telegram published in yesterday morning's paper from the manager of one of the large companies indicates how strongly the representatives

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tives of the companies are impressed by Mr. Howe's report.

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As an underwriter, I can say without any hesitation that no plan of protection, dependent as it must necessarily be upon the power plant, will be satisfactory, where such plant is involved in the hazard against which it must protect. If so involved its usefulness may be destroyed at the very outset of a fire that would sweep the city.

Aldermen Complain

The reading of the report of the streets bridges and sewers committee brought forth a protest from Ald. Fullerton that there was an item contained therein which had not been before the committee and which the committee had not ordered reported. He referred to a recommendation that a pipe drain be laid on Fort street from Verinder avenue to Oak Bay junction at a cost of \$150. Ald. Fullerton stated that he understood that the city engineer had had this recommendation inserted in the report and he had refused to sign the report till the offending item had been struck out. Ald. Cameron also referred to a recommendation contained in the report that a sewer on Langford street Victoria West be constructed at a cost of \$800. He had no recollection of this coming before the committee. Ald. Henderson, chairman of the committee, explained that the sewer item had already been brought up in committee, while as to the other matter the city engineer has desired to have the pipe drain proceeded with and as it was late for the report it had been inserted. The latter item had been struck out.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers

With this explanation the report was read and adopted as follows:

Gentlemen, Your streets, bridges, sewers and water committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Recommend that the matter of the account of the Plimley Automobile Co., Ltd., for damage to one of their cars by coming in contact with a sewer manhole on Moss street, be referred to the city engineer and city solicitors for report.

Communication of J. H. Franek re drainage Dave street, recommend that Mr. Franek be informed that a temporary ditch will be dug on said street, and that more expensive drainage will be provided in the near future.

Communication of C. W. Owen re sewer extension Oscar street, recommend that Mr. Owen be informed that this matter will be considered as soon as sufficient buildings are erected on said street to warrant the work being done.

Communication of J. B. Lovell asking that a cement sidewalk be laid on the east side of Cook street between view street and Yates street. Recommend that the request be granted, and the work done under the local improvement plan.

Communication of George S. Brown, desiring that a sewer be laid on Harbinger avenue from Richardson street to lot 3. Recommend that Mr. Brown be informed that this work will be done on with as soon as a sufficient number of houses are built on said avenue to warrant the work being done.

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THE WATER BILL.

No one expected that the Bill to amend the Victoria Waterworks Act would escape very strenuous opposition. The city is asking for fairly large powers, and these, if granted, will of necessity interfere with rights claimed, if not actually possessed, by others. Mr. A. E. Todd, who is a property owner on the shore of Sooke Lake, fears that the value of his holdings will be reduced if the city dams the lake. The municipality of Oak Bay thinks that the proposed legislation may seriously affect the future of that growing suburb. The Esquimalt Water Works company represents that the Bill will deprive it of valuable property without compensation. The B. C. Electric Railway company claims that the measure will interfere with its statutory rights to supply light and power within the city of Victoria. The case thus presented is not free from difficulties. Any rights which the owners of property abutting on Sooke Lake may have can be easily enough protected; but the questions arising out of the other petitions are not so easily disposed of. If the course advocated by The Colonist had been taken and a reasonable agreement could have been made with the Esquimalt Water Works company for the purchase of all its rights, the city would then be in a position to supply water to the whole area between Esquimalt harbor and Cordova bay, and it would have been an easy matter to have come to an understanding with the municipality of Oak Bay and all other suburban districts as to supplying them. This would have left as the only open question the exclusive claims advanced by the Electric Railway company. We print the petitions from the several interests, and invite the attention of our readers to them, and shall reserve such comment as we may feel like making until we have had time to give the subject fuller consideration.

DREADING THE FUTURE

Mr. Bernard Shaw thinks it not impossible that the day may come when the property interests in Great Britain will compel the King to put himself at the head of a movement to suppress the democracy, by repealing the franchise laws and establishing a dictatorship. He makes it plain that his reference is not to His Majesty Edward VII., but to some one of his successors, and he thinks that the only solution to the crisis that will thus be created will be by the democracy resorting to the expedient of which history furnishes so many examples, and of which Charles I and the late King of Portugal were striking illustrations. In other words, he looks forward to a time when "Kill the King" may be the war cry of the British democracy. Mr. Shaw is a brilliant man, who is apparently under a strong sense of conviction that what he does not know is not worth knowing, and that what he cannot think out is insoluble. Combined with this is a passion for the spectacular, and the result is that his conclusions are safest when taken with all the contents of the suit-cellar. The property interests of Great Britain determine to try conclusions with the proletariat, the artisans and that great body of people who are neither identified closely with property nor yet with the wage-earners, but we take leave to doubt it. There are great social problems that must be worked out in Great Britain, but their solution ought to be possible without violence. If the time ever comes, when the refusal of the minority to meet the reasonable views of the majority leads to a contest between the property-owning class and the multitude of landless people, there will be very little doubt as to the outcome. Times have changed. Appliances of destruction are available to rich and poor alike. A few men on horseback can no longer terrorize whole communities. If there is ever a clash between property interests and the democracy, the former will certainly suffer, whatever the ultimate consequences to the latter may be. We are not so pessimistic as to suppose that the British people will be unable to find a peaceful solution of the problems created by the evolution of our civilization. Perhaps Mr. Bernard Shaw understands the situation much better than we do, and perhaps he is only frightened by ghosts which his imagination has conjured up.

THE SOUND SERVICE

The Alaska Steamship Company announces its intention of cutting the rate to Seattle to fifty cents. It is free to do so if it likes, but we hope that the people of Victoria will not encourage anything of the kind. That company seems to be under the impression that it owns the service between here and Seattle. At one time it had the monopoly, and put into ser-

vice any sort of a rattletrap that suited its purposes. One of their ships went to places and with results that we all mourn. The people of Victoria called upon the Canadian Pacific Railway company to come to their rescue, and that company responded, giving us a service far in advance of anything that we ever had enjoyed. Now the Alaska people propose to put rates down to such a figure as they hope will compel the Canadian company to go out of the business, temporarily at least. This they did after overtures made to the C. P. R. to abandon the service for the present had been rejected. The C. P. R. has never yet been in the class of "quitters" and we do not believe has any intention of entering it; nevertheless we suggest to the people of Victoria that they stand by the company that has stood by them. A company, which built the Empress Hotel, placed such ships as the Princess Victoria, Princess Beatrice and Princess Royal on the Sound service and is building a new vessel for the same route that will far surpass all others, a company that has given all passengers to and from the Sound a feeling of safety, such as they never enjoyed, even in the days when the fine old City of Kingston was on the route, is entitled to the loyal support of Victorians, even if an opposition line carries people for nothing and throws in meals and staterooms. Unless we greatly mistake the temper of the people of this city, they will extend to the Canadian Pacific steamers even a larger share of their patronage than they have given in the past. If the Alaska Steamship company does not like the situation, let them leave it. We have no fault to find with the service that company has been giving with the Indianapolis and Chippewa. These are speedy and comfortable boats, although they are not equal to those the Canadian Pacific have, and even if they were, the people of Victoria ought not to permit their transportation interests to be handled by any foreign company. Therefore let us stand by the Canadian Pacific. What are a few dollars, when compared with a feeling of safety and an assurance that we will always have the best possible service? The Rosalie is now on the route for the Alaska Company. She is not a bad little ship, but is utterly unsuited to the winter traffic of Victoria. Doubtless these are lean months, but no company can expect every month in the twelve to be fat.

NAVAL MATTERS.

A London despatch says that after Lord Charles Beresford retires from the command of the Channel squadron he will return to the political arena for the purpose of combatting the naval policy of Sir John Fisher. He claims that the condition of the navy is such as to call for a thorough investigation. The despatch says that Lord Charles feels very keenly a letter which has appeared from Lord Escher. The latter is a very close friend of the King, and is perhaps His Majesty's most trusted adviser on all matters relating to the forces, and although the King cannot constitutionally interfere with the work of the Admiralty, there is a pretty general idea that what Lord Escher says he approves of. Lord Escher declines to admit that there is any need for an inquiry into the state of the navy. It is intimated that his letter was directly inspired by the King, and, however this may be, we are pretty safe in assuming that the views expressed in it are those held by him. Naturally Lord Beresford does not care to be severely criticized by one having such close relations with the King, and it is therefore anticipated that he will take the earliest possible opportunity of placing his views before the people from a place in Parliament.

Lord Charles has been a conspicuous figure ever since that memorable day twenty-five years ago, when, by his gallant conduct at Alexandria, he exhibited in splendid fashion the best traditions of the British navy. He holds a warm corner in the British heart, and while his views may be extreme on some points, the general disposition will be to hear what he has to say with at least a very friendly interest. We quote from the despatch referred to the following interesting particulars as to his public career:

Every since he commanded the Concorde, he has been in the Mediterranean in 1882 and had charge of the naval forces in the subsequent battles of Abu Klea and Abu Kru, where he won the bronze star of Medjidieh, third class, and was constantly mentioned in Lord Wolseley's despatches for conspicuous gallantry, although ignored by Sir Edward Seymour in his Lord Charles has been a thorn in the side of the Admiralty. At one time it seemed that he was on the point of realizing his strenuous efforts for naval reform, for, in 1886, in the full time of parliamentary favor due to his achievements in Egypt, he was made a lord commissioner of the Admiralty. Two years later, however, he was obliged to resign because the regulations that he had made on "the strength of the fleet" were not complied with. Later he visited China under the auspices of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, and on his return was made commander of the Mediterranean squadron, from which command he retired in 1902 in order to enter Parliament and fight out on the floor of the House of Commons the naval questions he had always had nearest his heart.

As a debater he was not a success, and in the following year, having vainly tried to prove to the English people that the Mediterranean squadron, and, in fact, the whole of His Majesty's fleet, was as inefficient and as poorly prepared for hostilities as had been the British army at the beginning of the South African war, he returned to the service with the intimation of the Admiralty to keep his mouth shut in the future. Such was his popularity and such had been his

distinguished services. In action, as well as in time of peace, as a naval strategist, however, that the Admiralty did not dare to refuse him the most conspicuous command within its gift, that of the Channel squadron, which was, moreover, his by right of seniority.

The Vancouver World wants the capital removed to that city. Anything else, please?

The people of Colwood and Metchoan have joined hands in a "pull together" movement for the advancement of their districts. The Colonist wishes them every success.

And now it is announced that the Mutual Reserve Life Assurance Company is hopelessly insolvent. That "financial flurry" which we have heard so much about seems unable to quit flurrying.

The superintendent of the Pacific Cable Board favors the proposal to establish an Imperial news service. There may be objections to such a project which we do not see, but certainly nothing has yet been advanced publicly that can be regarded as a substantial objection.

Some shipping interests show a surprising lack of faith in the diplomatic utterances to the effect that a war between the United States and Japan is quite out of the question. Lloyds is reported to be doing considerable business at five per cent insurance against an outbreak of hostilities.

The Presbyterian Men's Foreign Missionary society of the United States has determined to make an effort to raise \$2,000,000 for foreign missions next year. Many earnest, right-living and right-thinking people are of the opinion that a considerable proportion of this sum could be expended to advantage right at home.

One of the four suffragettes who were released a few days ago from Holloway jail after a martyrdom of three weeks, as second class prisoners, confessed that the severest punishment was that she was obliged to keep silence. This confession on her part is incomplete in one important particular in that it is not explained how in the name of all that is wonderful she managed to do it.

The Tribune, the London Liberal morning penny paper, has suspended publication. It made a plucky fight for a little over two years, and its failure was due to insufficient capital. It has been steadily gaining, and if it could have been kept alive a year or two more, would doubtless have been a great financial success. But no one would come forward with the necessary money, and therefore, it was discontinued "while there was ample money on hand to pay all its liabilities."

The January British trade returns are apparently of such a character as to strengthen the hands of the Tariff Reformers in educating the masses up to the belief that the time has arrived when it is desirable to ask in all seriousness whether Cobden's policy is working in the interests of the country at the present time. The figures show an all round decrease in imports to the amount of 7 per cent, and in exports to the amount of rather less than 2 per cent. The value of imported raw materials declined \$9,466,710 and that of manufactured \$12,999,500.

At a time when there is a disposition in some quarters in Victoria to question the wisdom of maintaining the Tourist Association, it is proper to direct general attention to the action of the city council of Regina, as told in a press despatch which we published on Sunday morning. It was decided to grant \$5,000 to the board of trade for the continuance of the publicity campaign. It was feared, says the correspondent, that the campaign for advertising would have to be dropped, owing to the hard times, but the council has come to the rescue with a handsome donation.

We have a correspondent who says some very nice things about the poems of Mr. Robert W. Service, but he tells us that we must not print them. Nevertheless, we disregard his wishes so far as to say that his opinion is that the poet's writings "are so near to nature that we feel the warm hand-clasp and cheery words of one who understands life—life beneath the surface of things, which so few of us can interpret." For ourselves we will add that Mr. Service has sounded a note in poetry that is distinctly new, and that we are glad to learn that it may not be long before the world is able to read more of what he has to tell it.

There was a very interesting exchange of views in the House of Lords last week when Lord Curzon criticized the Anglo-Russian treaty. He said it was bad in respect to Afghanistan, bad in regard to Tibet and worse in regard to Persia. He was answered by Lord Cromer, who, while not wholly approving of the provisions of the treaty, said that the object aimed at met with the hearty approval of the British people, and that it was perhaps as well not to say too much about its possible weak points. No nation in the world could produce men the equal of Curzon and Cromer, as authorities upon questions affecting Asia.

It has just been demonstrated, in the case of one Robert Caldwell, wanted in London on a charge of perjury in the celebrated Druce trial, and under arrest in New York, prepara-

tory to extradition, that the insanity dodge may be worked with success by others than millionaires who have invoked the "unwritten law." This juggling with the law may be very clever, judged from a certain standpoint, but in the last analysis it comes right down to a case of the pollution of the fountain of justice, which is bound to have a very serious effect on the moral fibre of the people of the United States. It is not difficult to foresee that ere long the "divorce evil" will have as a running mate the "insane evil."

We are very glad to be able to print the letter from Mr. W. A. Johnson, which appears in this morning's Colonist, and in which he tells of the conditions existing at Hazelton in regard to the supply of provisions, and also a copy of an official report on the same subject from F. W. Val-leau, provincial government agent at that point, in which he sets forth the exact conditions. Readers will remember that, owing to accidents on the river, a considerable quantity of goods destined for the northern town failed to reach their destination, and a great deal was said about the effect of this upon the winter's supply of food. Fears were expressed that there would be an embarrassing shortage. Mr. Johnson shows that there is no occasion whatever for uneasiness, that all requirements are being met and that prospectors and settlers are able to get what supplies they need.

Should a Bill which it is intended shall be introduced into the British House of Commons pass that body, a unique experiment will be embarked upon which will attract world-wide interest. The prime mover in the innovation suggests that all British timepieces be put forward eighty minutes, so that a man, getting up apparently at 9 in the morning, would really be doing so at 7.40. Thus he would gain one hour and twenty minutes of daylight. The bill which has been drawn up by William Pearce, M.P., asks the House of Commons to institute a new British time in the summer months, and by advancing all clocks the number of minutes mentioned, give Britishers an extra two hundred and ten hours of daylight, as by a miracle. The astronomers at Greenwich say it would be easy. Already they record three times—sidereal, according to the stars; astronomical, beginning at noon, and civil, beginning at midnight. Considerable opposition has been manifested towards the proposal. The manager of the Savoy hotel declares it would be impossible to change the time as Mr. Pearce proposes. The society dining hour, he says, is already late, and it is possible that people would dislike walking about in evening dress. Should the bill pass, it would mean that 7.30 would stand for what 6.10 does now. While the suggestion is by no means a new one, this is the first time that it has ever been advanced in such serious fashion, and the outcome of the agitation will be awaited with interest. There will be general agreement that under the present system many valuable hours of daylight are practically wasted during the summer months, and it is easily understandable that large bodies of workmen would be advantageously affected if they were to commence their labors at an earlier hour in the summer, so that they would have a longer period of sunshine during the leisure hours of the evening.

The Times says it knew that The Colonist would stand for the purchase of the Esquimalt Water Works company's property. It did not require very much perspicacity on the part of any one to see that The Colonist regarded the Goldstream watershed as the best possible source of supply for Victoria, for we have said so over and over again in language which we intended to make so plain that no one could misunderstand it. We have the testimony of Mr. Adams to the same effect. We have the additional testimony afforded by the fact that the city has endeavored by costly litigation to establish its right to go there for water, also by the fact that in the Bill now before the legislature the city is asking power to take water from that source. There need never be the least doubt in any one's mind about The Colonist's opinion as to the best source of supply. For the rest, we are favorable to the city acquiring this source, if it can be got for a reasonable price. All we have asked is that the city shall make an effort to see if it can be got for such a price, and if so, leave it to the ratepayers to take it, if they want to. We are confident that it will be a mistake for the city to permit any company to supply water and power within the limits of Greater Victoria, if it is possible by any reasonable means to prevent it, and we do not propose to allow the final step to be taken in regard to water supply without once more attempting to induce the city authorities to endeavor to secure the Goldstream watershed, with all the possibilities inherent therein. We are quite content to go on record upon this point. We are willing to be understood as saying that it will be a great mistake, and will be so recognized before many years, for the people of Victoria not to secure absolute control of all sources of water and power in the neighborhood of the city, provided it can be done on terms that can be justified. Many mistakes have been made in the past in regard to water rights and franchises for public utilities. The city is trying to correct some of them now, and may not be successful. Do not let us perpetuate one of the most serious of these errors, if it is reasonably within our power to remedy it.

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Last week we unpacked more than sixty new designs in Nottingham Lace Curtains. Before the advent of this big shipment we had what we, and many others, considered a very creditable showing, but the addition of several hundred pairs embracing more than sixty new designs easily places our showing of Nottingham Curtains far in the lead.

In these new designs are to be seen the latest creations of the World's best makers of curtains. They have special features, such as the Hang-Easy Top, and others which are lacking in some makes—little items perhaps, but combining to make a better curtain. The range of pricings permits of great choice. You'll find every pair the best possible value at the price asked. If you want a low priced curtain investigate the style we offer at seventy-five cents per pair. You could pay \$1.25 to \$1.50 at some stores and get no better.

Prices range from, per pair, \$14 down to . . . 75c

little house-maid says it is hard to take an interest in cleaning house with all those old things.



You'll need a host of new cleaning helps for this Spring's Cleaning Time. You can't do good work with the old worn ones and new and good ones will do the work better and with half the exertion on your part.

In Brooms and Brushes and Dusters and all such, quality should count, as in the more expensive items of the home. Your money comes to you real hard, so why not save on the small items? You'll save by purchasing such needs from us. Visit the Kitchen Department—First Floor.

Splendid Showing of New Cretonnes and Chintzes

OUR SECOND FLOOR NOW LADEN WITH THE DAINTIEST OF CURTAIN MATERIALS

Close in the wake of these new British and French Cretonnes and Chintzes will come the glorious spring zephyrs, and even now spring seems to have come to our second floor. So much of the coming glory of the most delightful of seasons is reflected in the new Cretonnes and Chintzes the whole Curtain and Drapery department has taken on the air of spring.

Each year designs are improved and colorings made more beautiful, and this season's efforts easily surpasses all previous attempts. Even with all this extra goodness the prices are, if anything, lower than before and certainly low enough to make their use more popular.

These materials may be used for a great many purposes and are particularly adapted for curtains, drapes, loose covers, etc. We offer you such a great choice of designs and color combinations you will experience no difficulty in finding one to suit you and harmonize perfectly with any other furnishings. Ask to see our new Art Designs which are selling at Twenty cents a yard. It is unusually good value. Make your selection now while the assortment is complete.

BRITISH CRETONNE—A specially nice line in a variety of pretty tapestry and floral effects. Splendid value at the price marked. Per yard 20c
BRITISH CHINTZ—A fine range of pretty and attractive designs in Green and Yellow, Rose and Green, Pink and Green, with blue ribbon. Per yard 40c
BRITISH CHINTZ—Artistic designs on a jasper ground. This style is suitable for long curtains, 48 inches wide and sold at, per yard 65c

BRITISH CRETONNE—In floral and conventional designs, that are bright and cheerful we show a splendid range. Priced at, per yard, 35c, 30c and 25c
BRITISH CHINTZ—A very pretty and serviceable Chintz with artistic designs, in various colorings on a jasper ground has a softening influence on the whole effect. It makes the less liable to soil, yet does not detract from the daintiness. Price per yard 40c

Why You Should Deal With Specialists—This Store

It is pretty generally conceded that those who give their undivided attention to anything produce the best results. It is agreed also that long service as a specialist makes that specialist better fitted to do his chosen work. Our whole time and consideration is given to the work of furnishing homes. Long service in this single line is also ours. Our department managers have also spent years in handling the merchandise sold in their departments. The experience of years in planning and furnishing hundreds of homes and in buying to supply the demands of a cosmopolitan folk puts them in a better position to buy and plan intelligently than ordinary storekeepers.

"Furniture of real stability and merchandise of decided worthiness"—that's the policy of our buyers. They don't look for "Job Lots" or "Specials."—"Quality" always with them, and "quality" in Furniture and "House Furnishings" pays. Before you invest a cent in furniture, see ours and COMPARE VALUES.

WEILER BROS.
HOME, HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS—VICTORIA, B.C.

The Mail-Order-Way of Shopping Is Satisfactory Here.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The Montreal Gazette no doubt reflects general opinion throughout Canada when it says that the outcome of the negotiations looking to the settlement of the outstanding questions between the United States and the Dominion will be awaited with a curiosity not unmixed with anxiety. We quote:

Mr. Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States it is announced, will leave Washington for Ottawa within a week, and will bring with him for sanction a plan for regulating the use of Niagara waters for power purposes, for settling questions as to fishing rights in the great lakes, for defining rights of navigation on international waters and for settling certain boundary questions between this country and the United States. Despatches from Ottawa appearing in certain English papers have indicated that negotiations in connection with the matters mentioned were going on. The curiosity as to the result will not be much lessened by this. Practically all of the matters mentioned were under discussion in the Quebec-Washington conference. The Niagara waters question is probably the only new one, it is only new as an incident in a larger issue. They are "questions" largely because the United States desire to change certain conditions which are not unsatisfactory to Canada.

In boundary waters where the middle line marks the territorial limits of either country, the fishing rights should be so easily fixed as to require little consideration. The general feeling in Canada will be that the loss arranging there is in such matters the better it is likely to be for the benefit of this country. There will, however, be no prejudice against what Mr. Bryce has proposed, though there will be curiosity to see and understand it.

W. T. Stead, the celebrated London journalist, has just agreed to demonstrate that his professions of patriotism are sincere. The test proposed was a unique one, as will be seen from the following press dispatch from London:

London, February 8.—When it was noted that Oliver Cromwell was to be excluded from the list of characters to figure in London's historical pageant, W. T. Stead protested vigorously to the committee in charge that this would be to boycott "the greatest man in English history." The committee replied that it would include Cromwell if Mr. Stead would appear in the part. Stead gladly and proudly consented, although it will mean the sacrifice of an ample beard, which has never yet known a razor. It was never trimmed till Stead was past 40. But Stead declares he would have shaved his head if necessary.

In the major portion of Canada the advent of winter means the cessation of industry to an extent which implies the throwing out of employment of large numbers of men, and because of this fact the regulation of immigration presents a problem of considerable complexity. In the appended paragraph the Montreal Star makes some observations on this phase of the situation. It may be remarked in passing that British Columbia is the only province in the Dominion where outdoor work can be carried on to a considerable extent, all the year round, and when the country commences to develop on a scale commensurate with its vast territory and illimitable resources, it is doubtful if any embarrassment will be experienced in caring for all the immigrants who care to come west.

In spite of the efforts of the Immigration department to check the stream, it seems that immigrants do arrive in the country during the winter under the impression that they will easily get work to tide them over until spring. This is probably the result of loud advertising of our boundless opportunities in the past. These latest comers had got it in their heads that there was always work to be had in Canada and had not noticed the recent denials. All this shows that we should have some better system of shifting immigration while it is still emigration, that is, before it leaves the ports of Europe. We had our fingers upon the pulse of emigration there, we could save many an unfortunate fellow a useless trip across the Atlantic; and we would have far fewer heartrending cases in which we must now turn back men whose feet are already on the shores of the "promised land."

Signs are not wanting that it will shortly be in order for Victoria to form a "What We Have We'll Hold" club. As though it was not enough for the Vancouver World to propose that the Capital should be removed to the Mainland, comes the Prince Rupert Empire with the suggestion that the dry dock and naval station should be taken from Esquimalt and established at the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. If our rivals were to gratify their aspirations to the full, no doubt all that we would have left would be the Songhees Reserve. We quote from the Prince Rupert Empire:

The dry dock at Esquimalt is too small to be serviceable, and if Esquimalt is to be again made a naval station the dry dock will have to be enlarged and rebuilt. If a naval station is to be reestablished on the Pacific coast, let it be established at the most suitable place. Prince Rupert harbor has many advantages over Esquimalt, and one of the advantages is that dry docks could be constructed at less cost and at sites where there is an ample supply of fresh water.

No doubt many readers of the Colonist are watching with considerable interest the great legal struggle for the ownership of the London Times. The latest information to hand is contained in the following special cable dispatch, dated London, February 8:

It looks as though there would be a great legal struggle for the Times newspaper, syndicate, representing the owners of several minor interests in the paper, has been formed with a capital of £250,000. Mr. Pearson and his associates assert that their deal has been approved by 75 per cent of the owners. The question of the lease will be fought out in court.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Tuesday, February 18, 1868.

On the night of the 1st inst. San Francisco and Valencia (Ireland) were connected by wire and dispatches sent direct from one office to the other. The telegrams may be said to have been received "in less than no time," since a dispatch that left Valencia at 6:45 a.m. on February 1st, reached San Francisco at 10:40 p.m. on 31st January. Wonderful!

The Nanaimo Coal Company have purchased at San Francisco three large coal ships, which they will employ in the coal trade. By saying the heavy freights now paid, the company hope to sell coal at less price than heretofore at San Francisco, and drive the inferior article out of the market.

Novel Wager.—We learn that two gentlemen of this city have been matched to climb the flagstaff in front of Wells, Fargo & Co's office for a side. Both gentlemen are possessed of much flesh and unbounded stomachs, and the object of the match is to decide which of the two can mount to the top of the staff in the shortest time. St. Patrick's Day has been fixed as the date for the interesting contest.

Grand Concert.—On Wednesday evening a grand instrumental and vocal concert will be given in the theatre, when Miss Lizzie Yeoman, Mr. George Edwards, Mr. Gunther, Herr Reigle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bushell and Mr. Palmer will appear. The programme is varied and new, and as the prices are fixed at 50 cents and 25 cents, we expect to see a full house.

A dead horse has been lying on the road opposite Mr. Teidemann's residence for several days. It is said to have starved to death and that after it died some good soul brought a bundle of hay and laid it under its nose. The charity was well meant, but it came too late. Where's Joseph? Has he got a cold in his head?

ABOUT PEOPLE

Brasenose, the Pall Mall Gazette, says has elected a new honorary Fellow—Dr. William Alexander, the Prime of All Ireland. The Archbishop, the Denver Prize man of 1850, and the winner of the Sacred Poem in 1860 begets partly to Exeter and partly to Brasenose, but it was from the latter that he proceeded for his D. D. more than forty years ago. His University recalled him in the 'seventies to receive a Doctorship in Civil Law, and last year again he was amongst the recipients of honorary degrees. This time it was Professor Bywater who introduced him, in company with Mr. Ruse, to receive the degree from the D. Lit. "The glory of the Church of Ireland," as Dr. Alexander has been called, is now eighty-four, and his own College bestows upon him the mark of favor already granted to the Bishop of Salisbury and the Principal of the University of London.

Mr. R. C. Lehmann, who represents Punch and Market Harborough, and who moved the address, says, the Pall Mall Gazette, the first Punch man who had done so within reasonable memory. His parliamentary experiences were for some time, and so to speak, very much outside the house. He was beaten at Bournemouth in 1885, to fight better, if still successfully, at Central Hill in 1886. And, though Cambridge town would have none of an old T. C. C. man in 1892, he had been two years a member of "Punch's" Round Table, and was perhaps the first of that sodality who was editor of the "Daily News," High Sheriff of Bucks, and Hon. Secretary A. R. also, and all at once. He is reckoned upon to move the address in adequate terms, but hitherto his most moving utterances have been extra-parliamentary. Mr. W. Howell Davies who will be Mr. Lehmann's second in this important matter, represents the famous seaport that is claimed by Gloucestershire and Somersetshire, Bristol, in the parlance of Monte Carlo, "a cheval" on both counties. Otherwise, as his names imply, he is a child of gallant little Wales. Still his mother was a Bristol lady, and for a score years and more he has played a leading part in Bristol political life, while his municipal experience is even more extensive. Perhaps, however, he is the son of the address because primarily he is a Welshman.

Nothing aroused the wrath and disdain of the late Attorney-General more than bragging about influence and luxurious living. One day a rich member of parliament holding a high position in that strait, remarked unnecessarily, "I was obliged to discharge my second coachman last week. Though he was in many ways an invaluable fellow, he was constantly hanging around one of the prettier under housemaids." "Ah," said Lawson Walton gravely, "I can sympathize with you. I have just been obliged to discharge my third groom. He was always loafing in the servants' billiard room."

Sir Henry Ramsay-Fairfax-Lucy, who may contest South Leeds in the interests of the Unionists, represents the Evening Standard, three distinguished figures, two at least of whom are historical. This baronetcy was conferred in 1836 on Colonel Henry Fairfax, a soldier who served with distinction in the old 95th, now the Rifle Brigade, through the Peninsular war. He was a son of a still more famous sailor, Admiral Sir William Fairfax, who took a distinguished part in the battle of Camperdown, where he was first captain to Lord Duncan on board the Venerable. As a Fairfax the present Baronet claims descent from the Barons Fairfax, one of his mottoes being the well-known pun "Fare, fac"—"Say and act." The first part of the present trine name was assumed by the second Baronet, who fought in the Crimea, on inheriting the estate of his aunt, Mrs. Williamson-Ramsay, of Maxton. The Lucy was added by Sir Henry himself only fifteen years ago, when he married the daughter and heiress of Mr. Lucy, of Charleotte, in Warwickshire.

A machine for cleaning ships' bottoms is being tested at Seattle. The machine is a high-pressure sand blast in the form of a compressed air pump, which drives sharp sand against the foul bottom of an iron ship and by its force sweeps barnacles, rust, scale and paint from the hull. The pressure which is used in the blast is 100 pounds to the inch, and the force with which the sand is driven against the hull is so great that nothing can withstand it. Scrap iron in all sorts of condition was used in the test and was scraped clean as a new casting in a short space of time.

BRITISH OPINION

Referring to the Irish Chief Secretary's speech at Reading, the Morning Post says: Mr. Birrell's policy was not exonerated until he had delivered an attack on the Unionist party, for which not the slightest justification can be found. He hinted that the Irish Unionists did not care what the dangers might be which threatened their country if only they could throw a little mud at the Liberal Government and that they would not mind seeing the Land Purchase Act of 1903 wrecked if only they could make political capital out of criticising the Radical Administration. This is a strange assertion, and one which should not be made by any man who is not prepared to justify it to the full. The Unionist Government passed the Land Purchase Act, and Mr. Long, while Chief Secretary, did his best to get over the financial difficulties which impeded, and still impede, its operation. The Unionists have always favored land transfer in Ireland, and have done their best to promote it. To hint or state the contrary is to hint or state what is untrue. The assertion that the Unionist leaders are ready to barter their adherence to the Union for Irish votes to support their fiscal policy is nothing less than false. It could not be made by any man who had not abandoned political scruple, and may well be treated with the contempt it deserves. Mr. Birrell assured his hearers that he had made no compromise with the Irish priesthood or any other politicians in Ireland. There is no evidence that he did so beyond the strong circumstantial evidence provided by the fact that cattle-driving, which the police could not or were not allowed to suppress, suddenly stopped shortly after his visit to Ireland at the close of last year. The campaign which was started a week or two before Christmas in the Nationalist press in favor of "giving Mr. Birrell a chance" was not without significance in the same direction.

The Daily Mail Dublin correspondent says:—Although cattle-driving has been stopped for the present, I am in a position to state that an arrangement has been come to among the anti-gaziers in the West of Ireland to prosecute a vigorous campaign on new and far more daring lines if legislation favorable to their interests is not introduced early this session. It is openly stated in certain parts of the West that not only will cattle-driving be renewed on a very extensive scale, but bands of young men will be organized to plough the grazing land. In County Longford the attitude of those who desire the distribution of the grazing lands is more defiant than ever, and the recent lull in illegal actions is due entirely to the hope of early legislation to mitigate their grievance. It is the lull before the storm. In other parts of the West people are beginning to declare that if they are disappointed the campaign will be renewed on a scale never equalled. Should the country be plunged into such agitation, expert opinion holds that the Royal Irish Constabulary will have to be reinforced by many hundreds.

Mr. Birrell will certainly claim, says the Daily Telegraph, the right to have one more chance of inscribing his name in the Statute-book, a privilege hitherto denied him. The Chief Secretary, if he survives the debate on the Address, will try his hand at a reform of the higher education in Ireland instead of courting destruction by another abortive experiment in Home Rule by instalments. But even an Irish Education Bill, especially one promoted pari passu with a secularising measure for elementary teaching in England, would inevitably arouse much controversy, for if it satisfies the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Ireland it is certain to be distasteful to English and Welsh Nonconformists.

The Tribune says: Mr. Birrell, as he said last night, knows quite well that a terrific onslaught will be made upon his Irish administration. Ireland, as he reminded us the other day, has been far too habitually treated as mere material for party use, and the Unionist leaders could not abstain from an attempt to rally their wandering ex-colleagues on this familiar ground, however little interest the country appeared to take in all the sound and fury. The fact that cattle-driving has been stopped will make little difference to the Opposition, although a disinterested critic could not fail to find therein a vindication of Mr. Birrell's policy of refusing to be goaded into extreme measures. He has his answer ready. He was sent to Ireland, as he says, to administer it upon Liberal principles, and he has done so, and proved that in them alone lies any real hope. It is never well for Englishmen to prophesy as to Ireland, but so far as can be seen now the situation has been saved. While it has been made clear that lawlessness would not be tolerated, matters have not been precipitated to a point which would have made it impossible for Mr. Birrell to proceed with his land policy, if not for his gallant attempt to solve the university problem.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Conditions at Hazelton.

Sir—Will you do justice to the people of this section by correcting the many false and exaggerated articles which have appeared in the coast papers lately about the scarcity of provisions here. Such statements are liable to cause needless but serious anxiety among the people who have friends here, and we have a most inadequate mail service. It takes a long time to get a wrong statement straightened out. For instance, a newspaper article recently stated that there was not an ounce of tobacco in Hazelton at present, when as a matter of fact there is now almost half a ton here.

I have been recently outfitted here for the new rich diggings on the Inchekeka, at the headwaters of the Findley river, and settlers are constantly coming in from the Bulkley valley, and we are in need of the river for supplies, and in no case have they failed to get everything they wanted. Although probably no one store of the six here has a complete stock of everything.

At a meeting of the Hazelton Progressive association on January 25, the fact was brought out that there are at present several tons each of flour, rice, and sugar, a good supply of canned meats and fruits and a fair supply of bacon, ham and beans in the stores here, not to mention such luxuries as cocoa, jelly, powder and cake. I am sure it may make good reading and sound funny to say "There is only one sack of flour in the Hazelton, and only one rabbit in the Bulkley valley," but it is far from being the truth.

W. A. JOHNSON
Hazelton, B. C., January 27, 1908.

Mr. John Needham, who is 95 years of age, having rung the Bowbell (Latter-day) church bells for three coronations. He began at the age of ten.

In Amsterdam there is one factory which cuts 400,000 diamonds every year.

THE WEIR FLEET

For Past Ten Years Has Had World's Biggest Sailing Fleet and Largest Number of Steamers

Andrew Weir & Co. have a line of vessels running to Australia, the vessels of which include British Columbia ports in their ports of call, and who operate two steamers to the Orient in conjunction with the Boston liners, and the following with regard to the head of the firm, will be of interest. The Syren gives the following sketch of Andrew Weir: No more honorable title could be conferred upon a man than that of Empire builder, and the bearers of this designation have abundant reason to be proud of it. There are, of course, Empire builders and Empire builders. Some are seldom out of the limelight and should they be any chance find themselves in the darkness, they are miserable until the welcome rays are upon them once more. Others—and to our mind, they are the more valuable representatives of the Empire—are quiet, determined men who pursue their work without fuss, without self-advertisement, but with a supreme contempt for all obstacles which intrude themselves upon the way of their traversing. Such a man is Mr. Andrew Weir, senior partner in the well known shipowning firm of Andrew Weir & Co., of London. Though he founded the firm as recently as 1855, its ramifications to-day extend all over the globe, and for the past ten years it has had the distinction of possessing the largest fleet of sailing ships under the British flag, such owners aggregating a gross register tonnage of 34,824. Both Mr. Andrew Weir and his brother, Mr. William Weir, are staunch champions of the "windjammer." While Mr. Weir maintains that economy in transport is possible by adopting sailing ships, in many trades, but by no means in all, he values the benefits to be derived from the acquisition of a fleet of steamers, and indeed, as he argued, under present circumstances the sailing ship is very badly handicapped, and does not have a fair opportunity in competition. At the end of 1896 he embarked upon steam by launching the S. S. Dunerrie. One steamer after another has been built, until the steamship fleet now represents a gross tonnage of 15,636. The latest of the steamers, the Kumeric, and her sister ship, the Suveric, are of 11,000 tons deadweight capacity, and are exceedingly fine specimens of the up-to-date cargo steamer. Mr. Weir, since the inception of his fleet of steamers, has appreciated the advantages of a regular line, whereby shippers can rely on facilities for a steady carriage of goods at a moderate rate of freight. He has, in consequence, developed a number of first-class lines, having sailings at fixed intervals, for the carriage of cargo. Some months ago, when the Oceanic Steamship company of San Francisco abandoned the trade between that port and Australasia, Messrs. Weir, in conjunction with the Howard Smith Company, Limited, of Melbourne, promptly filled the breach, and we have little doubt that Mr. Weir's energetic management and thorough grasp of organization will show very different results from those achieved by that port and company. In addition to shipowning, the firm transacts an extensive business in other directions; indeed, its merchant marine is greater than that of shipowning. Mr. Andrew Weir, in the conduct of this gigantic business is, as we have mentioned, aided secondly by Mr. William Weir, who has, at the moment, the entire affairs of the business on his shoulders, the senior partner in his South Africa in connection with his extensive and varied interests in that direction.

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Charles McKay, who lived alone at Collins Bay, was found frozen to death in his house.

In the year 1800 there were only 51 hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland. Under the copyright act of 1842 the British museum receives one copy of every book published.

GUESTS AT CITY HOTELS

- At the Empress—
J. K. Burnale, Seattle.
L. Compton, Seattle.
J. S. Fenn, Spokane.
Mr. and Mrs. Braughton, St. Paul.
H. R. Root, Seattle.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Metcalf, Cleveland, O.
F. F. Hunter, Seattle.
C. Thos. Hall, Seattle.
Stuart Livingston, Vancouver.
W. A. Cutler, Vancouver.
Miss Doherty, Vancouver.
S. S. Gzowski, Jr., Vancouver.
Stanley Henderson, Vancouver.
Y. T. Hahn, Seattle.
G. S. Dunboy, Vancouver.
John W. McMillan, Vancouver.
J. B. Ferguson, Vancouver.
E. R. Stuart, Calgary.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell, Fairview.
F. H. Smith, Nelson.
H. Holme, Vancouver.
H. P. Christie, Ashcroft.
- At the Dominion—
Mr. and Mrs. Thengoran, Tacoma.
O. Van Horne, Seattle.
Mrs. Theo. Flinstad and daughter, Claersholm, Alta.
J. H. Ackley, South Bend, Indiana.
H. McLellan, Seattle.
Mr. and Mrs. Chadick, Seattle.
S. C. Gray, Seattle.
S. McCoolie, Seattle.
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Yole, Seattle.
A. Oulman, Seattle.
A. C. Smith, Seattle.
John Milligan, East Sooke.
H. Cowan, Vancouver.
S. R. Rogers, Vancouver.
T. Chapman, Vancouver.
I. A. Oliver, Vancouver.
J. McDavitt, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFarlane, New York.
- Alva York, New York.
Mrs. G. Rice, Grand Forks.
W. A. Chandler, Nansen.
G. E. Hall, Seattle.
H. Fulton, Vancouver.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Carlisle, Philadelphia.
Gus Little, Skeena.
Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Los Angeles.
Martin Thompson, Frisco.
L. Muller, Carson.
James Dick, Nanaimo.
A. Adams, Moscow, Idaho.
C. P. Cary, Tonawanda, New York.
Mrs. Sydney Brown, Seattle.
Mrs. Charles Roof, Seattle.
Thos. H. Houpt, Findlay, Ohio.
G. H. Linton, Boston, Mass.
Eddie Powers, New York City.
E. Goodridge, Edmonton.
H. C. Bennett, Sydney Inlet.
Ed Henderson, Alberni.
J. Boorman, Dawson.
Mrs. D. C. Milligan, Otter Point.
Wm. Milligan, Otter Point.
J. W. McLeod, Seattle.
Leonard Larson, Mapleton, N. D.
Wm. Larson, Mapleton, N. D.
George Noot, W. P. B. C.
R. D. Taylor, Winnipeg.
Parlier Kilbourne, Ladysmith.
Gus Smith, Vancouver.
A. E. Waugh, Grand Forks, B. C.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hartman, Vancouver.
J. W. Taylor, Vancouver.
Mrs. Kirby, Port Essington.
L. A. Goodridge, Edmonton.
Miss Goodridge, Edmonton.
Master Goodridge, Edmonton.
W. T. Lucas, Vancouver.
Mrs. Rowe, Killarney, Man.
T. Sloan, Princeton.
G. C. Sullivan, Vancouver.
G. A. Wood, Vancouver.
James Norton, Toronto.
G. B. Proctor, Vancouver.
Percy Clark, Fernie.
A. W. Tenant, Vancouver.
Mr. Maunson, Seattle.
Mrs. Langston, Ladysmith.
J. W. Prakes, Seattle.
W. Bright, Portland.
Mrs. Bright, Portland.
H. Brownling, Greenwood.
Wm. Parker, Nanaimo.
W. J. Elmendorf, Spokane.
H. Marner, Seattle.
Louis DeMarche, Seattle.
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J. Bowden, Cowallis.

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That I might touch that cheek."

MANY ROMEOS

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But what about your Gloves? Do not forget this most important item. Doubtless you desire the best, correct in shade to match your Ball Gown, correct in fit. We have them—Gloves of the World's best manufacturers ready and waiting for your selection. Gloves that are correct in every way; correct, too, in price:

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Recently in England the mind of the public has been much exercised as to the correct pronunciation of the word "BOVRIL," the name of the well known preparation of beef. A consensus of opinion has been obtained by the proprietors of the preparation. As many as 90,640 voted for "BOVRIL," and that seems to have been the favorite pronunciation. A Mrs. Brain, of Shirehampton, near Bristol, secured a prize of £100, by giving the exact number of the majority of persons voting for "BOVRIL." Whether pronounced "BO-VRIL" or "BOY-RIL," the preparation is very acceptable at this time of the year.

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ASK THAT VOTE BE PLACED ON ESTIMATES

Delegation of Board of Trade Again Waits on the Government

A deputation from the Victoria board of trade waited upon the provincial government yesterday to urge upon them the immediate undertaking of the road between Goldstream and Mill bay.

The deputation consisted of Ald. F. A. Pauline, president; C. F. Todd, Col. Prior, Ald. R. Hall, S. Leiser and F. Elworthy, secretary. The delegation was introduced by W. H. Hayward, M. P., P. Cowling, and H. W. Thomson, M. P. P. Victoria.

A resolution adopted at the last monthly meeting of the board was read by the secretary. It was to the following effect:

"That the deputation again wait on the provincial government and urge that a vote be included in the estimates at this session to provide for the early construction of a wagon road between Goldstream and Mill bay, and that the provincial government be respectfully requested to have the road finished this year."

The government received the delegation very favorably and introduced D. H. Harris, who made the initial survey. Mr. Harris showed the plans for the road and furnished a number of details.

DINES NEWSPAPER MEN

Pleasant Evening Spent by Press Gallery as Guests of Hon. Richard McBride

The premier's dinner to the press gallery took place last evening at Mr. McBride's residence, Victoria Crescent. A most enjoyable evening was spent by those present. The affair has grown to be an annual one and the men who sit back of the speaker here grown to look forward to the event.

Last evening there were present: Hon. D. H. Eberts, J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition; Hon. Dr. Young, the two party whips, Thomas Taylor, M. P., P., Revelstoke, and Dr. King, M. P., P., Cranbrook; L. J. Seymour, president of the gallery representing the Nelson News; E. A. Greenwood, the Vancouver Province; W. Blakemore, the Week; G. Shelton Williams, the B. C. Mining Review; Otto Weeks, the Victoria Times; Lawrence Macrae, private secretary to Hon. Richard McBride; Gordon Smith and Niel McIntyre, the Victoria Colonist.

There was but one toast, that to the King, and no speeches but some very interesting reminiscences.

CHARITY BALL TONIGHT

Everything in Readiness for the First Big Event at the Empress Hotel

Tonight will witness the first big social event to be held in the Empress hotel, when the charity ball in aid of St. Joseph's hospital takes place. All arrangements have been completed, and a thorough success is assured. In order to prevent confusion, the main door of the hotel, facing on Government street, will be closed for the night, and those attending the ball will enter by the porte cochere at the south end of the building. Inside the door will be a book in which all guests are requested to register their names, with the name of the character, if any, that they represent.

The music for the occasion will be supplied by Miss Thain's orchestra, under her personal direction, and will include a number of two-steps and waltzes never before heard in Victoria.

ACT IN OTTAWA TODAY

Attorney-General Has Given Orders to Enforce Immigration Law Strictly

The Natal bill, which secured the assent of the lieutenant-governor last week, was promptly mailed to Ottawa and will arrive there this morning. It is probable that it will be immediately disallowed and instructions wired to the agent of the Dominion department of justice in this province to look after the interests of any Asiatics affected by it.

At the present time two Japanese from Portland captured at New Westminister are awaiting trial in Vancouver, and at the same time the attorney-general has given orders to take every step to enforce the law against the 220 Japanese which are expected to arrive on the Montague on Saturday next.

To such Asiatics as are able to pass an educational test, there is no hardship, as the fee of \$1 which was formerly imposed has been cancelled.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Florence May Symons, the six-year-old daughter of H. J. Symons of 2520 Seventh street, took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Rev. A. J. S. Ard conducted the services. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred late Sunday night at the family residence, 1812 Douglas street, of Eva, the beloved wife of Albert Nelson of this city. The deceased was a native of Neah Bay, and twenty-five years of age. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. from the late residence.

The remains of the late Albert F. Turner, who was killed through falling from a telegraph pole Friday night are still lying at the Hanna chapel, awaiting instructions from the old country. In the meantime no arrangements have been made for the funeral.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital yesterday of Elizabeth Henegage, a native of Scotland, and a late resident of Winnipeg, Man. The remains were removed to the Hanna chapel, from where the funeral will take place on the arrival of Mr. Henegage, who was absent at the time of his wife's death, but definite arrangements have not yet been made.

The funeral of Frederick H. Asquith took place Monday afternoon from his late residence at 2:45 o'clock, to St. John's church where the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Stanley And. The pallbearers were Messrs. Wood, Burnett, W. B. Smith and G. Brown.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Price of Ironwork.
The contract price for the ironwork for the Lulu Island bridge across the Fraser was \$6,800 per 100 pounds, not \$8,800, as formerly stated. The contract was secured by Prior & Co.

Gets the Contract.
H. O. Miles, contractor, of this city, has been given the contract for the erection of the bungalow to be built by Neavill A. D. Armstrong at Shawanigan Lake. Messrs. Sedger and Pownall are the architects.

Will Erect Dwellings.
Yesterday building permits were issued to William Leitch for a dwelling to be erected on Davis street, to cost \$1,950; to H. F. Knott, for a dwelling on South Turner street, to cost \$2,500, and to Clara Webber for a dwelling on Cameron street, costing \$100.

St. Andrew's Society Entertains.
The monthly concert and dance of the St. Andrew's society will be held this evening at the A. O. U. W. hall. The entertainment committee has prepared a good programme for the occasion. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Goes to Sister-in-Law's Funeral.
Mrs. George White Fraser received word yesterday evening of the death at Agassiz during the afternoon of her sister-in-law, Mrs. White Fraser, of that place. Mrs. Fraser, accompanied by Miss Miles, left by the Princess Victoria this morning to attend the funeral.

Annual Masquerade.
Arrangements are now all complete for the Victoria West Amateur Dramatic society's sixth annual masquerade, to be held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Friday night, February 21. Prizes are being offered for the best dressed, the best sustained character, and the best comic lady and gentleman.

Will Improve Cemetery.
The cemetery committee of the city council will meet this week, when an elaborate scheme for the improvement and upkeep of the cemetery will be considered. A meeting will be held this week when the matter will be considered and a report will be prepared for submission to the council at an early date.

A Grateful Acknowledgment
The manager of the Seamen's Institute has much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the very acceptable and timely contribution of \$25 in aid of the funds of that institution, which has been kindly donated by the reporter staff of the Victoria Daily Colonist, and for which act of generosity he hereby begs to tender his most grateful thanks.

Takes Holiday to England.
Dr. Hasell, resident surgeon at the Jubilee hospital, has been granted a five months' leave of absence. He will take a trip to England and will leave on the Blue Funnel liner Belleroophon. Dr. Hasell had been asked if he would supply the place of the steamer's surgeon, who was suddenly recalled to England, and he decided to take the position himself, as he is anxious to visit England. Mrs. Hasell remains in Victoria. Dr. Leeder is acting house surgeon at present.

Canadian Club Annual.
The annual meeting of the Canadian club will be held in the city council chamber tomorrow evening commencing at 8 o'clock, when reports will be presented, officers elected and other business transacted. All members are reminded that their annual fees are now due and should, if possible, be paid to Mr. Gibbs at the Imperial bank before tomorrow evening to prevent delay at the meeting, as the constitution provides that no one but those in good standing may vote at the annual meeting, or hold office.

British Israel Class.
The British Israel class will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the No. 1 hall, upstairs, of the A. O. U. W. building, Yates street. "The Historical Setting of the Covenant With David" will be concluded by a review of the scriptural proofs. The special feature of the paper is the evening, "David's House, a World-Wide Empire," 7:16, and Jer. 33-17-24) will be a study of Lord Curzon's famous article on "The True Imperialism," which will be compared with Lord Charles Beresford's and Admiral Sir John Fisher's stirring speeches, respecting the attitude of Germany and other powers. This paper is of particular interest just now.

Prizes Selected
The committee on prizes for the marquee ball to be held in Assembly hall February 27, spent all day yesterday visiting the best stores to pick out suitable prizes to be given away for the most comical, best sustained and best dressed characters. The prizes thus selected were not only very handsome and costly, but also very useful. They will be on view in Ogilvie Hardware company's window next Wednesday. Tickets for the ball are now on sale at Fletcher Bros., music store, Blair's photo studio, and Sweney & McCannell's, or may be had from members of the lodge, and as only a limited number were printed it will be advisable to purchase early.

Emmanuel Visits Central.
The young people of Emmanuel Baptist church visited the young people of Central Baptist church in Harmony hall, View street, last evening. The Emmanuel B. Y. P. W. provided the program for the evening, and Miss Flora Krute presided.

An interesting address was given by A. G. Pennington, the subject of which was "The life of John B. Gough, the great temperance reformer, and the lessons we have from his life." Rev. Christopher Burnett also supplied some valuable information on temperance reform work and temperance reform workers. The Emmanuel male voice quartette provided the music. Water Middleton, vice-president of the Central B. Y. P. W., in extending a vote of thanks to the Emmanuel B. Y. P. W., expressed the appreciation of the Central workers of the enjoyable programme provided. The meeting was the most open for social intercourse, while the ladies of Central B. Y. P. W. served refreshments.

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Remembered favors soothe me while I wait,
And bid me worship at the self-same shrine
Where first I saw the heaven of your eyes
Speak now my truest thought, bewitching maid,
Will be my Valentine?
—Frederick J. Scott.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 17, 1928:

SYNOPSIS.
A vast area of high barometric pressure covers the entire region from the Pacific to the Great Lakes with the exception of a small part of the extreme northern section of the province where the pressure is moderately low. Heavy rain has fallen at San Francisco, light rain in the Washington coast and snow in eastern Oregon, but the weather has for the most part been fair on the Pacific slope. In the Pacific provinces the weather remains cold; snow has fallen at Swift Current, Regina and Minnedosa and a heavy fall of ten inches at Battleford.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	40	49
Vancouver	37	45
New Westminster	34	38
Kamloops	26	32
Jackerville	26	32
Port Simpson	26	40
Atlin	—	28
Dawson, Y. T.	—	zero
Calgary, Alta.	—	22
Winnipeg, Man.	—	16
Portland, Ore.	42	48
San Francisco, Cal.	46	54

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The stove sale at Clydes, 42 Johnson street, is the attraction of the day. Everyone is interested in Alberni—Are you? Lot 18 is the best buy in the district. Only 31 lots, and we sold 14 yesterday. Prices \$100 to \$400. Lots 1 acre to 6 acres each. Get busy or you'll miss this chance to make money. McConnell & Taylor.

Special Prices for Children's Dresses—Children's Galatea, Gingham and Holland Dresses and Overalls, 45c, 50c and 75c. Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street.

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Victoria, B. C., February, 1928.

Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	5:16	8:41	6:58	8:41	12:19	10:30	27	0:7
2	5:18	8:45	7:01	8:45	12:21	10:31	28	0:9
3	5:24	8:46	7:08	8:46	12:23	10:32	29	1:4
4	5:30	8:46	7:15	8:46	12:25	10:33	30	2:2
5	5:38	8:47	7:23	8:47	12:28	10:34	31	3:1
6	5:44	8:48	7:32	8:48	12:31	10:35	32	4:1
7	5:51	8:48	7:42	8:48	12:34	10:36	33	5:2
8	5:59	8:49	7:53	8:49	12:37	10:37	34	6:5
9	6:07	8:50	8:05	8:50	12:40	10:38	35	8:3
10	6:16	8:51	8:18	8:51	12:43	10:39	36	10:2
11	6:25	8:52	8:32	8:52	12:46	10:40	37	12:2
12	6:35	8:53	8:47	8:53	12:49	10:41	38	14:4
13	6:45	8:54	8:63	8:54	12:52	10:42	39	17:1
14	6:56	8:55	8:80	8:55	12:55	10:43	40	19:6
15	7:07	8:56	8:98	8:56	12:58	10:44	41	22:3
16	7:19	8:57	9:17	8:57	13:01	10:45	42	25:2
17	7:31	8:58	9:37	8:58	13:04	10:46	43	28:3
18	7:44	8:59	9:58	8:59	13:07	10:47	44	31:6
19	7:57	9:00	10:20	9:00	13:10	10:48	45	35:2
20	8:11	9:01	10:43	9:01	13:13	10:49	46	39:0
21	8:25	9:02	11:07	9:02	13:16	10:50	47	43:1
22	8:40	9:03	11:32	9:03	13:19	10:51	48	47:5
23	8:55	9:04	11:58	9:04	13:22	10:52	49	53:1
24	9:11	9:05	12:25	9:05	13:25	10:53	50	58:7
25	9:27	9:06	12:53	9:06	13:28	10:54	51	64:7
26	9:44	9:07	13:22	9:07	13:31	10:55	52	71:1
27	10:01	9:08	13:52	9:08	13:34	10:56	53	77:9
28	10:19	9:09	14:23	9:09	13:37	10:57	54	85:1
29	10:37	9:10	14:55	9:10	13:40	10:58	55	92:7
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SAVING OF CHILDREN

The question of the importance of caring for the children who may possibly develop into criminals, was recently discussed by Dr. Gilmour in a talk given in this city. He said: "The charities, child saving is undoubtedly the greatest. It alleviates the most pathetic of all suffering and yields the most magnificent results. There is no phase of dependence that appeals to the human heart like that of innocent, helpless childhood. Victor Hugo in his masterpiece says: 'When we have seen the misery of man we have seen nothing until we have seen the misery of woman, and when we have seen the misery of woman we have seen nothing until we have seen the misery of childhood.' Abandoned children are subject to the worst calamities that can possibly befall the human race, while protected childhood, directed along proper lines, has such magnificent possibilities. The defenceless child is surrounded by fragile walls which all open into vice or crime. One of the world's greatest humanists tells us 'That of the things that God has made, the human heart is that which sheds the most light, and alas, the most night.' The divine command is, 'Let there be light,' and as we live in an age when it is considered inhuman to repeat that ancient question, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' how important it is that the greatest effort should be concentrated on the child.

Let us for a moment consider what education does for the human race. In the United States eight times as many criminals come from the uneducated classes as from the educated. The history of England in this respect is no less striking. In the year 1870, 1,700,000 children were attending the common schools in England, and in that year five England had one hundred and thirty-five thousand prisoners, 29,000 of whom were children. About this date the cities for educating the children of the masses in England were immensely improved and in the year 1890 we find 4,800,000 children attending the elementary schools of England. In the year 1890 five England had 60,000 children attending the elementary schools, and notwithstanding the fact that the population of England had increased enormously during the past thirty years, the prison population had been practically cut in two. So striking are these facts that Sir George Keble, who gave much thought and time to this work, made use of this phrase: 'When you open a school you close a prison.'

These facts are most encouraging, but let us look for a moment on the other side of the picture. The greatest number of first commitments for crime are between the ages of fifteen and twenty, and one of the sad features of early crime is, that the prospects of reformation of those that go into crime early in life are less than those of those who enter crime later in life. A terse writer has said: 'Sooner a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny.' This practically epitomizes the history of childhood. What may appear the trivial influences of early life, yield eternal fruit.

"A pebble in the streamlet's slant Has turned the course of many a river;

A dew drop on a baby plant Has warped the giant oak forever." The two causes of crime are heredity and defective early environment, the latter being far the greater. In view of this, how essential is it that the formative years of a child's life should be spent amid pure and ennobling influences.

We purpose devoting a page in our next issue to the work of protecting children from neglected children in connection with the Children's Aid Society. We believe many of our readers can help the society in its work, help to make good Canadian citizens and at the same time bring a blessing to their own homes by helping some of these children to a better and cleaner life.—Western Home Journal.

George Peters, in business in London since 1868, is dead, aged 77.

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

A great deal of fun is being made in the newspapers and periodicals of the nature fakirs. The precise meaning of the term "fakir" in this connection would, perhaps, be a little hard to define.

There is, doubtless, some false sentiment and much unreliable information published in these days concerning what we are pleased to call the lower creation. The stories of Thompson-Seton, Roberts and others, delightful as they are, may go too far in attributing to the creatures of wood and field the feelings and passions of the human race. None, we think, would include Kipling's Jungle Book among the number of the first flower of fiction. There are many who believe that the time devoted to what is called "Nature Study" in the schools is wasted and that much that is learned concerning plants, animals, or even minerals, will have to be unlearned by the serious student of botany, zoology or geology.

Yet there is much to be said on the other side of the question. It is a great thing to arouse an interest in the world around us. The boy who spends his spare time in watching the birds or insects in the neighborhood, or the little girl who hunts the daisies and dingles for the first flower of spring is pursuing an innocent and elevating pleasure. It is surely better to err on the side of too great tenderness towards dumb animals than to treat them with harshness and cruelty.

If children, or their elders, could be taught to see and love the beauty, the grandeur and the wonder of which the world is full, the future generation could not fail to be purer, gentler, yes, and wiser than the present.

For many centuries and in all countries soup has been looked upon as a valuable and nutritious part of the diet of human beings. For invalids, broths of various kinds have been looked upon as strengthening and easily digested. Now Dr. Osler declares against their use, so it is reported.

Perhaps the learned and versatile physician has, in the case of his famous decision in regard to soup, not intended his dictum to be of universal application.

Housewives who pride themselves on the richness and flavor of their soups may find consolation in the reflection that doctors differ. It is scarcely likely that the experience of generations and the taste of millions will be changed by this one utterance.

The food value of the different kinds of breakfast foods on the market has been the subject of investigation by R. Harcourt, professor of chemistry, and H. L. Fulmer, demonstrator at the University of Ontario department of agriculture. These gentlemen have made a full report, which has been printed in pamphlet form.

A great deal of trouble has been taken in the preparation of tables and in the explanation of the experiments of the learned professors, and the conclusions arrived at seem to be that all the breakfast foods on the market are wholesome, but that those put up in packages are more expensive than those offered for sale in bulk, and that there is nothing in them that compensates for the added expense. It is, however, gratifying to learn that the cost of fire and the labor involved in cooking may add to cost of the unprepared article. It is insisted that all cereal food needs to be well cooked. This fact is dwelt upon in almost every page of the pamphlet. The following quotation from the introduction arrived at by the investigators:

"In general, it may be stated that the various forms of breakfast foods on the market are all wholesome and nutritious foods. At present prices the uncooked oat, wheat, and corn meals are the most economical sources of nutrients and energy when, taking everything into consideration, it is probable that oatmeal ranks highest among these. It may not agree with everyone, but for those who can use it, there is no breakfast food which combines high protein content and energy with so much as oatmeal. The reason that prepared breakfast foods are more expensive is evidently not because they contain any more nourishment, but because of the way they are prepared, the manner they are put upon the market, and the cost of preparing them. A cereal, when prepared, does not give them the extraordinary food value sometimes claimed. They may have a place in a hurry-up breakfast, but where economy is considered, there is nothing to be gained by the palatability of these high-priced, half-digested foods to justify the extravagant price asked for some of them."

It is satisfactory to know that in the preparation of our morning meal we need only consult our tastes and our purses, and that there is no danger of injuring our health by choosing what we like best.

It is with a start of surprise, almost of dismay, that people who have scarcely begun to call themselves elderly noticed that it is proposed this year to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Lincoln. The eventful years of the civil war are so fresh in their memories and the strong personality of Lincoln seems yet close to them that it is almost impossible to realize that more than the lifetime of a generation has elapsed since his work was ended. Yet this is a fact, and a movement is on foot to fittingly celebrate the centenary of the strong man who in her hour of greatest need guided the destiny of the United States. It is when we think of such men as Lincoln

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coln, that we feel how closely akin all English-speaking people are. We in Canada feel that President Roosevelt did not go far enough when he wrote, "The heroes of each side in the great struggle of the four dark years are the heroes of the whole nation, and the whole nation can fittingly join in celebrating the hundredth birthday of the man to whom, more than to any other, we owe that we are a nation at all," for Lincoln and such men as he belong not only to the nation but to the world.

WOMAN'S WORK

The regular review of Baxter Hive, Ladies of the Macabees will be held in Sample's Hall, today, February 18th, at 2:30 p.m. Deputy-commander Kemp will be present. All members are requested to attend.

WEDDING PRESENTS

During these few last weeks before Lent, when the rush of wedding presents goes on, it is the custom, during the month of June, says a London Standard writer, most people are faced with the difficult problem of selecting a small army of wedding presents. Never since the days when the first fish-slice, embedded in formal velvet, and the first ornate clock, ticking cheerfully under a glass case, were sent as votive offerings to the bride of an earlier generation—to whom wedding presents represented a delightful innovation—has the subject been so exhaustively discussed as it is this year. The later regime, in which the unfortunate "marriage" found herself possessed of a supply of carvers sufficient to keep every waiter employed during a Lord Mayor's banquet, or enough saltcellars to stock a college refectory, are long past, and gifts are chosen with more care and consideration, but with a certain amount of originality as well.

Jewellery is more than popular just now, even those who cannot afford a magnificent gift selecting some small trinket set with the birth stone of the wearer, or designed in plainer form, while the choice of silver is, besides, enormously varied. An important sign of the times is shown in the fact that a great specialty is made of this particular "branch" of present-giving by some of the leading jewellers, who have devoted exhaustive study to the matter of wedding presents, and instead of confining themselves to the beaten tracks are providing their clients, with far more extended means of making a distinctive and original selection.

ART OF LISTENING

One of the busiest of the many busy women with whom I am acquainted is also a most charming woman with whom to converse. She is intelligent, perhaps, hardly a clever talker, but one loves to talk with her. After mature and thoughtful consideration I have come to the conclusion that her charm lies in the fact that she is an admirable listener. By evident interest in and acquiescent conversation she makes the speaker feel that she is listening to him. The good listener inspires the talker by strict attention to all he says and, above all, by looking at him while he speaks.

There is nothing more trying than to find that your putative listener is giving only partial heed to your conversation. It is strange that a well-bred person should be guilty of the crass rudeness of picking up a book or magazine and looking through it while pretending to pay heed to the talk of a friend. The assurance of I am only looking at his pictures in this magazine, and reading and I hear every word you say, is no palliation of the offence. The speaker would be justified in declining to continue the conversation until the pictures had been properly studied. If a speech is worth hearing it is worthy of respectful and earnest attention.—Harper's Bazar.

The Knowledge of Devotion.

"No nurse could equal Margaret," said a lady just recovering from an illness, of a cousin who lived in her home. "No nurse could do what she has done for me. No one else would know, when she has been rubbing one muscle for a little while, just the instant another muscle needed every word. There was scarcely a time that I awakened that she was not awake too, and she is naturally a sound sleeper."

"Yes," answered the friend, "but hers is the knowledge of devotion. She loves you intensely. No one else could understand so well, because no one else loves so much as she."

Watch the people who are noted for their tact, their thoughtfulness for others, their understanding sympathy, and you will find the loving heart is behind it all. It is only when we love till self is forgotten, that we can so put ourselves in others places as to anticipate their wants. To those who love much is given the understanding to serve much.—Maude Pettit, in East and West.

The Railway Station

The darkness brings no quiet here, the light No waking ever on my blinded brain The flare of lights, the rush, and cry, and strain, The engines scream, and hiss and thunder, I see the hurrying crowds, the clasp and flight, Faces that touch, eyes that are dim with pain, I see the wheels turn, and the great train Move laboring out into the boundless night.

So many souls within its dim recesses, So many bright, so many mournful eyes; Mine eyes that watch grow fixed with What unknowns and guesses, What threats of life, what hidden histories, What sweet or passionate dreams and dark distresses, What unknown thoughts, what various agonies.

—Archibald Lampman.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, left last night for the mainland, where he will be joined by the Indians and proceed to visit Indian reserves in the Fraser agency, taking in Sechart and others farther up the coast.

G. Kerr, J. Bourke, C. Bourke and R. Bourke, who have business interests in the far north, will leave at the end of the month on the Princess May for Dawson.

Miss Dalton leaves at the end of the month on the Princess May for Skagway.

James Smith, left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver, whence he will travel to his home at Virginia, Minnesota.

W. P. Kenny, traffic manager of the Great Northern at St. Paul; W. W. Broughton, general freight agent, and W. J. Costello, assistant traffic manager at Seattle, for the same railroad, arrived in the city yesterday morning, and left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver on a short business trip.

A. Jenkins, J. G. Howell and Robert Mason left yesterday morning on the Princess Royal and the North Coast Limited for New York, whence they will sail by the Cunarder Eturia for the old country.

William Foster, a well known mining man, left yesterday morning for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will undergo treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Kurtz returned to their home in Nelson, on Sunday, after a short stay in the city.

A. J. Potts left on Sunday morning for Seattle, whence he will travel to San Francisco, where he will make a short business trip.

Charles Page, accompanied by his son, left on Sunday for Leavenworth, Michigan.

J. R. Jackson left on Sunday for Spokane.

TRIED RECIPES

Veal Rissoles

Mince and pound any cold veal you may have to spare in the larder; grate into it any cold ham or bacon that remains. Mix these all together with a little white sauce. Flavor with mushroom catsup, and season with pepper and salt. Form the mixture into balls roll into beaten eggs, season with fine breadcrumbs, fry in boiling fat, and drain. Season with parsley, garnish with parsley, and serve with half-lemons.

Roast Beef

The best part is the sirloin, next the ribs and wing ribs. The most profitable manner to dress the ribs is to have them carefully boned, rolled up, and tied into shape with string, so as to enable the carver to properly carve and distribute. The bone may be utilized for making the gravy or even deviled. To do this, pepper and salt it, and dip into heated butter or baste with melted butter. Turn the bone over while cooking. Garnish the table with little heaps of nicely scraped horse radish.

Broiled Potatoes

Boil in salted water some large potatoes, peel them, cut lengthwise in thick slices, and broil over a clear fire. Season well while broiling with salt, pepper and melted butter. Have ready some minced parsley, sprinkle the potatoes with it when they are brown and crisp and send to the table hot. Sweet potatoes are nice cooked in the same manner, and may be served with fried chicken.

KIPLING ON WEALTH

Rudyard Kipling, who has written twenty books, has on record for only one speech. It was a good speech, and it made a deep impression on the young men of McGill university, Montreal, who heard it.

Kipling, like other men of clear vision, is concerned about the undue place the pursuit of wealth has in modern life. Business to earn money is only the machinery of life, not life itself. He who lives solely to earn money is in the same class as the man who lives only that he may eat or the woman whose sole purpose in life is to wear fine clothes. We eat and we wear clothes that we may live for better things, and if we can earn money in view.

Look about you, advised Kipling, and sooner or later you will see some man to whom the idea of wealth as mere wealth does not appeal. Continuing, he said:

"I advise you to watch this man closely, for he will presently demonstrate to you that money dominates everybody except the man who does not want money. You may meet that man on your farm, in your village, or in your legislature. But be sure that, whenever or wherever you meet him, as soon as it comes to a direct issue between you, his little finger will be thicker than your arm. You will go in fear of him; he will not go in fear of you. You will do what he wants; he will not do what you want. You will find that you have no weapon in your armory with which you can attack him; no argument with which you can appeal to him. Whatever you gain, he will gain more."

I would like you to study that man. I would like you better to be that man because from the lower point of view it doesn't pay to be obsessed by the desire of wealth for wealth's sake. If more wealth is necessary to you, for purposes not your own, use your left hand to acquire it, but keep your right for your proper work in life. If you employ both arms in that game you will be in danger of stopping; in danger also, of losing your soul."

Kipling is right. The world is full of splendid things for the men who will stand upright and who will not stoop.—Star-Chronicle.

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PARENT AND TEACHER

I saw at one time in a comic paper a picture of a child in the middle of the street down which an omnibus was coming at full speed. The father was pulling the child by one hand to the right, while the mother was pulling him by the other hand to the other side, with the implied witicism that the child would come to grief because of the difference in opinion between the parents.

I remember that picture, and think of the absurd, yet bitter truth, that the children for whom the whole school system is operated, are being sacrificed to the difference of opinion whenever parents and teachers allow themselves to be guilty of the folly of pulling in different directions. Parents who seldom or never go into a schoolroom are the ones most apt to get a wrong impression of things that take place there, and without investigating, upon the impulse of the moment they will issue the command that their children not to obey the teacher in the thing they have taken exception to, holding out stubbornly that their word shall be law, just because they have passed it, even though they are convinced that it was erroneously given.

The teacher, meantime, holds to her way, right or wrong, because her dignity and authority must be maintained before the school, or be greatly weakened.

The parents insist that the child is under a must to do as he says; the teacher, that while in school, the child must obey her. Between them the child is victimized.

I once saw a boy, when the teacher was insisting upon his doing a thing that his mother had told him not to do, jump out of the schoolroom window and run off to the woods, where he could blame him? I have often wished when I have seen children thus 'pulled two ways' that they would all do some such desperate thing to escape from their tormentors. It is nothing less. A child put in such a different position may as well be blind. He is being hindered and hampered instead of helped on his way. Surely this is not the result that right-minded parents and teachers desire to bring about.

Then how may right relations between parents and teachers be established and maintained?

Clearly, each must have the good of the child so much at heart that every other consideration will be of secondary moment. For the sake of the child each must be willing to make concessions. For the good of the child each must make it a point to know and understand the other. For the good of the child each must interpret the other's motives generously and put the best construction possible upon actions. For the good of the child each must be willing to reconcile any differences that may arise by kindly asking, making and receiving explanations. For the good of the child each must show the highest respect and most perfect courtesy toward the other. This of course involves the

necessity of great care in the selection of those to whom the important task of training the children shall be entrusted. As a class the teachers of our public schools stand high, and with worthy persons in those positions the hearty co-operation of parent and teacher cannot fail of good results.—Trained Motherhood.

TO CONQUER THE GRIP

Dr. Shradly, venerable medical saint and savant that he was, oftentimes in epidemic of grip and other diseases gave wise and timely advice through the Herald, counsel which the writer and hosts of Herald readers now miss. Dr. Shradly with insistent urgency indicated that it was not the grip germ itself that caused pneumonia and death, but that during the exhaustion which followed the body's fight with this germ the germ of pneumonia planted itself, and in consequence little resistance was left to withstand the invasion of pneumonia germs.

Outside of domestic common sense and natural remedies there is no known classical medical treatment for the grip. It stands to reason that the best way of increasing the opsonic index of the blood, increasing and stimulating its antitoxic powers, is to give all the cells of the body the benefit of perfect rest and warmth—in other words, the patient should go to bed and stay quiet and warm, be kept in a gentle perspiration with warm, light bedclothes, aided by warm drinks and hot water bags or bottles, if needed. Of course, fresh air and a uniform temperature are imperative. This, with a sedlitz powder or two, will put one out of danger and bring an almost complete sense of relief in from two to four days. The grip germ, however, may only be scotched, not killed, and one should be prudent for weeks thereafter.

The head symptoms, such as toothache, neuralgia and distressing plugging of the head, are best and quickest relieved by sunlight on the forehead's face or hot water bag. Good liquor—Scotch whisky—hot Scotch—is a fine potent remedy, a strong systematic antiseptic which undoubtedly paralyzes the grip germ to an extent, but in no case should it be taken except in bed, with every surrounding of prudence and temperance, and the very last thing at night.

The various electric light and high frequency current treatments are good, but not nearly so good as sunlight to relieve every form of grippal pain. Sunlight is the best cure for slow forms of grip and its consequence—a trip to the West Indies, or a week or so in some form of sunbath.

The coal tar and proprietary remedies, while they may give quick relief, are, generally speaking, dangerous.

While difficult to apply, sunshine is surest death to grip germs. Doctors in Rio Janeiro use a mild garlic tea which they believe in.—Dr. Jenkins, in the New York Herald.

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Everything points to the championship of the Northwestern Y. M. C. A. basketball league going to the team representing the city of Vancouver, and unless the unforeseen occurs and the predictions of close observers are upset the team from that city should win out handily.

Vancouver has been winning the majority of games away from home, and on strange floors and have been showing the most consistent form of any of the teams throughout the season. The only big slump that the players from the Terminal city took was when they met the Tacoma quintette, who defeated them by the overwhelming score of 40 to 9.

During the trip last week the Vancouver team lost only two games the one to Tacoma and the other to Seattle, by the close score of 22 to 20. While they captured games from Everett, Hoquiam and Portland. All of the other teams that have taken trips away from home have lost more than this number of games.

Tacoma has lost three games away from home and Portland sailing forth to other floors lost four. The local team only succeeded in winning one of their games away from this city. The fact that Vancouver is the only winning team on strange floors and the fine showing that it has made at home gives it the first call for the championship, and it is now a big favorite.

Seattle is now second in the race, but has a hard row against formidable opponents away from home, and it is not likely that they will head off the fast Vancouver bunch.

In order to capture the premier position the Tacoma team must win all of the games at home and the two games Friday and Saturday of this week against Hoquiam and Portland respectively. Both of these teams will be kept guessing to overtake the speedy Canucks.

The standing of the local team is mounting the ladder as the other teams go on their travels and it is likely that their standing at the finish of the season will be a very respectable one. They have defeated nearly all of the teams that they have played in this city and had a certain amount of hard luck when travelling. It is generally conceded that on the form they are at present displaying the locals are as fast a team as any in the league.

Vancouver Won at Soccer

Recent Race Against Professional at Boston Places Ban Upon Indian

New York, Feb. 17.—Tom Longboat, the Canadian long distance runner, is now, according to the officers of the Amateur Athletic Union, an out-and-out professional.

Suspended some time ago by the union on charges of professionalism Longboat ran at Boston during the night against three men, one of whom is said to be an avowed professional. This, the union officers say, ends all question as to the possible reinstatement of the Indian.

It is said that Longboat claimed to have the permission of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union for the race, but local union officers point out that the Canadian Association has no authority over races in Boston. The officials believe that Longboat has given up all hope of reinstatement in the amateur ranks and took this means of showing the authorities that

Hack Will Be on Hand

Millwaukee, Wis., Feb. 17.—William Wittig, who is arranging the championship wrestling match between George Hackenschmidt and Frank Gotch, received a cablegram from Hackenschmidt today announcing that he will leave London for New York early in March. Mr. Wittig has practically perfected arrangements for the world's championship match to take place in Chicago during the first week in April. He has also arranged handicap matches for Hackenschmidt to be held in New York on March 16, in Philadelphia on March 19 and in Baltimore on March 21.

HOCKEYISTS WILL TOUR

Proposal to Have Crack Team From West Meet Eastern Teams

Spokane, Feb. 17.—Tom McCaughy and Charley Robertson, two of the crack hockey players, have decided to make such a competition, however desirable under any other circumstances, is under the present conditions quite impossible. Their decision was influenced by many reasons, among others being the insufficient time now remaining at the disposal of Oxford and Cambridge under whose direction conjunction with Lord Disbrough the selection of British representatives was to be made. The impossibility of satisfactorily ascertaining within such limits what athletes might be best qualified in the different parts of the British empire to be selected as representatives for their special excellence in special departments of track athletics, also by the danger of congestion of meetings and consequent failure of interests in some cases in July, 1908, a month which already has its special gathering at the Olympic games.

"We much appreciate the attractive object which you had in view and the sportsmanlike spirit of your proposal. At the same time we cannot see our way to give effect to such a proposal at the present time."

Acknowledging the receipt of the letter of declination, Mr. Kirby replied:

"It is noted with pleasure that July, 1908, may witness the previously suggested recurrence of the old and established meeting of Oxford and Cambridge versus Harvard and Yale at the Queen's club. It is regretted that the athletes from Yale and Harvard there could not be added others who, being selected by I. C. A. A., would necessarily conform to the same high standard of amateurism, scholastic attainment and athletic ability."

"The difficulties attending the selection of the teams and the arrangements of the meet would of course be great; it is regretted that to you they seem insurmountable. For the friendly spirit with which the proposition has been given and the attention you have given to it, permit me to tender to you and your association on behalf of the I. C. A. A. A. its appreciation and also express the sincere wish that your support and co-operation an athletic meet such as has been suggested may be held within the near future, either in England or the United States."

EVERETT QUINTETTE PLAY HERE TONIGHT

The Fast American Basketball Team Intend to Defeat Local Y.M.C.A. Tonight

The fifth home game of the local Y. M. C. A. basketball team in the international league will be played in the Assembly roller rink tonight between the crack local quintette and the Everett Y. M. C. A. team.

All signs point to one of the fastest and cleanest games that have been seen here this season in the big league, and as both teams are in the best of condition and anxious to add to their present league standing, the match from start to finish will be of the whirlwind variety.

The locals have been working hard lately and are in better condition than they have been before this season, and that is saying a lot. They will, however, be without Jim Pettitrew, their hard-working little centre man, who is still suffering from a strained knee and will probably be out of the game for the rest of the season. The rest of the team, however, are not at all cast down over the absence of the comrade, and will only go the faster to overcome any loss that may be occasioned by his absence.

Reports from the Everett camp are to the effect that the boys were never in more excellent shape and will take a lot of beating.

Prof. A. G. Donthitt, physical instructor of the Seattle Y. M. C. A., will handle the whistle. Prof. Donthitt is well known on the coast as a capital referee. He has his eye on the men all the time and makes them play the game. Judging from the sale of the tickets, the crowd that will witness the game will be one of the largest that has yet turned out to any of the games in this city.

The lineup of the Everett team has not been received as yet, but the locals will line up this way:

Centre, Gawley; forwards, White and Peden (captain); guards, McKinnick and Roskamp.

LONGBOAT, IS DISBARRED

Recent Race Against Professional at Boston Places Ban Upon Indian

New York, Feb. 17.—Tom Longboat, the Canadian long distance runner, is now, according to the officers of the Amateur Athletic Union, an out-and-out professional.

CAMBRIDGE-OXFORD TO MEET YALE-HARVARD

Postponement of All-American vs. All-Britain Games May Result in This

New York, Feb. 17.—Correspondence made public today by Gustavus T. Kirby, chairman of the advisory committee of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletics of America, showed that a meeting of college athletes representing all of America against a similar representation of Great Britain during the Olympic games in London in July is impossible. It is intimated, however, that a meeting between the athletes of Yale and Harvard and those of Cambridge and Oxford is likely to occur this summer. The correspondence includes letters from C. N. Jackson, representing Oxford, and J. P. Gray, of Cambridge, and Mr. Kirby's reply.

Writing under date of February 7th, Messrs. Jackson and Gray say:

"After giving the matter in all its bearings, their best considerations these committees have decided that such a competition, however desirable under any other circumstances, is under the present conditions quite impossible. Their decision was influenced by many reasons, among others being the insufficient time now remaining at the disposal of Oxford and Cambridge under whose direction conjunction with Lord Disbrough the selection of British representatives was to be made. The impossibility of satisfactorily ascertaining within such limits what athletes might be best qualified in the different parts of the British empire to be selected as representatives for their special excellence in special departments of track athletics, also by the danger of congestion of meetings and consequent failure of interests in some cases in July, 1908, a month which already has its special gathering at the Olympic games."

"We much appreciate the attractive object which you had in view and the sportsmanlike spirit of your proposal. At the same time we cannot see our way to give effect to such a proposal at the present time."

Acknowledging the receipt of the letter of declination, Mr. Kirby replied:

"It is noted with pleasure that July, 1908, may witness the previously suggested recurrence of the old and established meeting of Oxford and Cambridge versus Harvard and Yale at the Queen's club. It is regretted that the athletes from Yale and Harvard there could not be added others who, being selected by I. C. A. A., would necessarily conform to the same high standard of amateurism, scholastic attainment and athletic ability."

"The difficulties attending the selection of the teams and the arrangements of the meet would of course be great; it is regretted that to you they seem insurmountable. For the friendly spirit with which the proposition has been given and the attention you have given to it, permit me to tender to you and your association on behalf of the I. C. A. A. A. its appreciation and also express the sincere wish that your support and co-operation an athletic meet such as has been suggested may be held within the near future, either in England or the United States."

BIG SIX DAY RACE

Ten Teams Start in Contest of Endurance at the Boston Coliseum

Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—Ten teams made up of the leading professional bicycle riders started tonight in a six day race at the Park Square coliseum, the riding will occupy two and a half hours each evening with the exception of Saturday, when racing will continue from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m.

At the end of two and a half hours' riding tonight the men had covered 54 miles and 9 laps, and no team had been lapped. The only shift in the make up of the teams was the substituting of Dennis Connolly, of Everett, for Chas Holbrook, of Boston. John Bodell and Downey finished at the head of the squad tonight, having tried once or twice ineffectually to lap the rest.

One had spill occurred during the first hour, when Anderson, Sherwood, Taylor and Millen went down in a heap, but no one was seriously injured.

CRIPPLED ATHLETES MAKE FINE RECORDS

Stars in Different Branches of Sport Play Under Physical Disadvantages

Some of the world's most noted athletes are cripples.

A billiardist with both arms gone, a pitcher minus two fingers on the right hand, a fighter with a dislocated elbow and a cricketer with only one leg.

Sounds like a bunch of fiction, but it's the whole truth.

Bill Coughlin, one of the greatest pitchers in the history of baseball, is shy two digits on his pitching hand. Despite this affliction Brown is far better than nine tenths of the players who have hands in perfect condition. The first and second fingers on Brown's right hand were lost in an accident when he was a youngster.

Bill Coughlin of the Detroit team is another cripple, yet Coughlin is rated as one of the best players in the country at the difficult position, third base. One of Bill's fingers, in the left hand, is missing. Before he broke into the game Coughlin worked in the coal mines at Wilkesbarre. It was while working there he lost the finger. Coughlin wears a glove that is made specially for him in order to aid his fielding.

Philadelphia has a one-armed amateur by the name of Sam Griffith, who is one of the best pitchers in the Quaker City league. Griffith was once given a trial by Connie Mack, but couldn't field his position in big league style.

Albert Sutton is the armless billiard player. He has toured the world, played the greatest players and has only had to yield to a few of the best. He is even a better man at fancy shots than any player and it is amazing the difficult things he can do with the ivory balls. Sutton is second to no one at the fancy shots. Both of his arms are cut off just below the elbow, yet he can handle the cue with more grace and cleverness than most of the players who are fortunate to have both arms.

Battling Nelson, looked on as one of the best fighters in the country at his weight, is a victim of a crick. His left arm was so injured at the elbow several years ago that he cannot straighten out the arm. Nelson, however, insists that he crooked elbow is a handicap to him. He claims it enables him to hit a terrible blow at short range.

Nelson says that he must carry the fight to his opponent because of the short arm. Using the range the short arm is practically useless. It is a handicap, but he can use the damage hook with success and it's a fact that in every one of his fights the Dane's best work has been at short range.

England has a cricketer by the name of Lunt who, although he has lost one leg, is good enough to hold his own against the best able-bodied players among the cricketers. Lunt is only 30 years old and of powerful physique. He is also a great bicycle rider, and recently finished second in a big London race.

While playing crick he is usually assigned to keep the wicket. With a crutch under one shoulder he supports himself without apparent discomfort and once he gets his hands on the ball he is a sure catch. He is really a batsman by his speed. He is also a good scorer himself.

Low Bowling Scores

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—Remarkable low scores in the bowling tournament today, none of the leaders being displaced. The Brewed Malt, of Sioux City, Iowa, made the high score in the first shift of the five men events, totalling 2,765.

MR. BORDEN HONORS NATIONAL TOAST

Speaks On Canada at McMaster University—Intenser Patriotism a Need

Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P. leader of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament, replied to the toast of "Canada" at the fifth annual dinner of the Literary society of McMaster University, says the Toronto Mail and Empire. Upon rising, Mr. Borden was tendered a hearty ovation, the whole company rising to their feet and applauding for several minutes, at the conclusion of which the Chancellor led in three British cheers with a "tiger," the distinguished statesman, in opening his address, stated that he highly appreciated the honor of being able to speak in the McMaster university, but felt that the flattering references to himself were undeserved. He had left Ottawa at 1:30 Thursday, the train moved out at 3:30. He had no dinner, and only a lunch at 4 o'clock, and the day just over was similar to the first, so he had come out of great tribulation. But to see and talk to so many intelligent young men and women was a reward. He had, he stated, of late had abundant opportunity of exercising his vocal organs upon the ears of his unoffending countrymen. He was reminded in this connection of a story about Joseph Chamberlain. After a banquet the chairman asked him if he thought they had better begin the speaking now, or let the people enjoy themselves. The Japanese had an excellent custom of speaking first and dining afterward.

An Intenser Patriotism.

There was no one in Canada, he thought, but was proud of his country, yet was it not possible for us in this young country to have an intenser love for our land. We were made the subjects of the patriotic Scotch-Irishman, and the Englishman, perhaps not so demonstrative as the two former. Out of these elements should we not evolve a great patriotism worthy of the land that had been given to us?

We should speak and think of our country, said the speaker, as one of the greatest and noblest of the Empire destined to do a great work in the civilizing of the world. He was disposed to think that we had not enough of that spirit which animated our neighbors to the south. A Harvard student, speaking of the United States said: "It is bounded on the north by the Dominion of Canada, on the south by Mexico and on the east by the Atlantic ocean, and on the west by the Pacific. Another student more fervent arose and said: "It is bounded on the north by a frozen ocean, on the south by the Antarctic circle, on the east by the decaying civilization of Europe, and on the west by the newly awakened nations of China and Japan. Still another thought he could go one better, and place the boundaries of the United States as follows: On the north by the aurora borealis, on the south by the southern cross, on the east by the procession of the equinoxes, and on the west by the day of judgment. Canadians had a heritage, and to realize how great that heritage was they must travel through the country, and see it in its very aspect and all the walks of life of its people. The whisper of the pines, the grandeur of the mountains, the beauty of the blue lakes, and the expanse of plains should awake in the heart of every son of Canada the passion of patriotism.

Character the Main Thing.

Beyond the material resources of the country, which were often spoken of, beyond the love of country, much as that meant, no country could have an enduring future unless it depended on the strength of the character of the people. The fall of the old nations was due to a certain degeneration of the character. The Parliament of England today had ceased to become the parliament of the empire, as it was in other days,

BOTH CLUBS WIN ONE IN BASKETBALL SERIES

J.B.A.A. and V.W.A.A. Clash in West End Club Rooms With Honors Even

Two basketball games took place last night in the intermediate and junior series in the V. W. A. A. club rooms between the teams representing that organization and teams from the J. B. A. A. and the honors rested even after some play of the best basketball that has been played in the west end for some time.

The J. B. A. A. quintette won the match in the intermediate series and the V. W. A. A. the junior. In the first half of the intermediate game the score was a tie, 8 all, and the play was about even with chances for more goals quite many. In the final period the J. B. A. A. represented and the V. W. A. A. represented and the V. W. A. A. team only succeeded in locating the basket once. The final score being 20 to 10. The winners displayed great form and on a strange field gave a very creditable performance. Most of the players have all the earmarks of making good in senior company. Next season the playing of the V. W. A. A. team will be out at times and the seniors and they are all seem to be in the same condition as their opponents.

In the junior the V. W. A. A. representatives gave the Bays an even worse beating than in the intermediate game. V. W. A. A. intermediate, rolling up the big score of 21 points to 7. In the first half the score was 9 to 4 in favor of Victoria West, while in the second half tallied 12 while their opponents only got 3.

The following is the lineup of the teams:

INTERMEDIATE.

J. B. A. A. Guards.....V. W. A. A. Menzies.....Guards.....O'Keel Kennedy.....Centres.....Jenkins Baker.....Centres.....Johnston Todd.....Forwards.....Barley Cox.....Forwards.....Brown

JUNIORS.

Scott.....Guards.....Barton Aubrey.....Guards.....McDougall Coughlin.....Centres.....Ross Hiltworthy.....Forwards.....Kennedy Thomas.....Forwards.....Minor

VICTORIA WILL HAVE STAR BASEBALL TEAM

Quiet Movement on Foot to Place Strong Amateur Nine in Field

The big question that is now agitating the sporting public in this city and in particular the baseball fans is whether or not this city will have a baseball team or not during the coming season.

It was rumored yesterday that certain parties who have the interest of the great American game at heart are taking steps to again have a team here that will be as good a one as the city boasted several years ago when nothing in the country the size of Victoria could hold a candle to the ball that was served up to the fans by the local team.

Confirmation of the rumor was obtained last night when it was found that there was a quiet movement on foot to form one of the strongest teams that the city has ever yet had.

Those who are close to the scheme say that if the game is again started here, and they have no hesitation in stating that things are practically arranged to start out as soon as the weather permits, and with enough signed players to form the nucleus of what will be the best team on the Canadian Pacific coast, that the game will be conducted on a strictly amateur basis and that no paid men will be given places on the team. They give as the reason for this that it was the professional idea entering into the sport during the past few years that caused its death in this city.

The team if formed will play exhibition games with the teams from outside points, both here and at the grounds of the latter. In fact it is positively stated that nearly all of the teams that played against the old Victoria will again be opposed to them. These teams consist of Everett, Bellingham, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Americans and semi-professional, and as these teams play as fast an article of ball as can be found on the coast great sport can be looked forward to when the season opens.

A large number of those interested in the game yesterday waited on the former manager of the team, Mr. Harry Willis, and asked him if he would assume charge of the team. Mr. Willis gave the delegation no positive answer but it is expected that under the additional pressure that will be brought to bear that he will again consent to get into harness and lead the boys to victory.

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when the colonies were young. It was now only the parliament of Great Britain. In Canada we had our destinies in our own hands. Accordingly, our duty and our ideals were of our own making. The power and function of any university is in the forming of citizenship, having the noble ideas of a righteous nation. Some writers today declared that we were not fit to govern ourselves, and gradually a despotism must be established. The speaker did not agree with these writers. In modern times and in the competition of business, men were so engrossed that they forgot their duty to the state until the government fell into the hands of professional politicians, who fleeced the people, and then, in despair, formed an autocracy. This might be the state of affairs if we did not have these writers. Mr. Borden scored those men who gave their whole attention to making money and cared not what befell their native land.

Apathy a Curse.

Although he was in public life, he would sooner see a young man a zealous opponent than sit apathetic to the country that gave him birth. It might be of advantage, said the speaker for Canadians to look to Great Britain, and learn how her public men were trained to serve their country, and it would be fitting for us to strive to follow the noble example of Britons, who lived and died for their country, honorable and above the breath of suspicion.

Ideals were of importance for any country. Our ideals should be high and noble. We should strive as Canadians to unite together the many units of our people, scattered as they were in many cases without connecting links. The speaker believed the contention of race was being more and more abated, and he hoped it would continue to do so. In conclusion, the speaker quoted Browning's lines:

"God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world."

All was well, but we must do our duty he looking for a chance to rise, but and serve honorably and well our native land or we could not say all was right.

Critics of Success.

Mr. J. W. Flavelle, LL. D., in replying to the toast of "Canadian Industries," stated that he believed more in a broad general education than in a special technical one. Nowadays it was almost dangerous for a man to be successful, so common had become the style of criticizing successful men. The speaker laid down the maxim that a young man to be successful and serviceable to his fellows should not should do anything his hand found to do. Most people must be common means of livelihood as good as another.

Chancellor McKay, in speaking of "Alma Mater" said that McMaster University was growing in all the departments that a great university should grow in. There were many rumors of changes. For instance, it was said the university was going to have a new science department, again a law faculty, and finally a school of medicine, but he could not answer these rumors. In conclusion, the Chancellor said that if their university did not teach men the elements that make for true character, their work was in vain.

Mr. T. McC. Dadson, B. A., proposed the toast "Canada" in an eloquent speech; Mr. N. J. Ware, '08, "Canadian Industries." "Alma Mater" was proposed by Mr. G. H. Campbell, M. A. "The Ladies" by Mr. W. A. Scott, '09, and responded to by Miss B. M. Pugsley, '08. "Slater Institutions" had the names of G. G. Vichet '08, and the several representatives of other colleges. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Mabel Manley Richard, and violinello solos by M. Frederic Nicolai. During the collation an orchestra rendered sweet music. A larger number were present than ever before.

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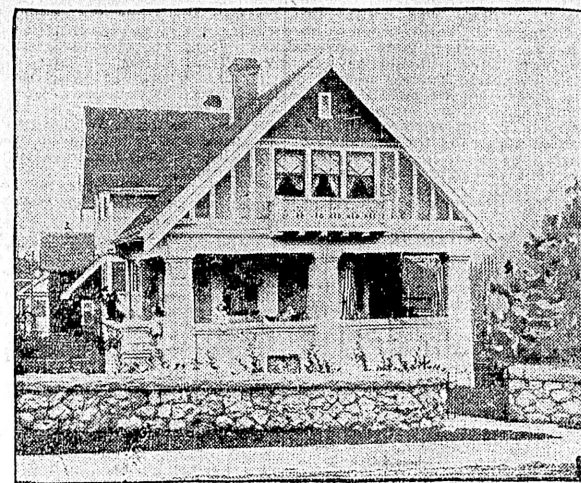
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COLINGWOOD STREET—3 lots, very large. Only \$1,100.
PINE and BLACKWOOD STREETS—Lots very cheap and on easy terms.
OFFERS WANTED—for two lots, corner of Chambers and Cedar Hill Roads, 30 feet by 187. Can be had on a FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS—Money to loan on approved security at current rates, also good acreage for sale. Established 1890.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, chapter 115, Clifton Scott Whiting will apply to the Governor-General-in-Council for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a wood-wharf in front of Lot 541 A, in the City of Victoria, B.C.
A plan of the said proposed wharf and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed site of the same, have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for the said City of Victoria, the same being the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.
FELL & GREGORY.
Solicitors for Clifton Scott Whiting. Applicant.

NOTICE

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't wash clothes.

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Dated this 30th day of January, 1908.
A. BLOCKLEY.

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J. H. LAWSON,
C. F. TODD,
Assignees.

CROSS & CO.

REAL ESTATE, MINES, 44 Fort Street.
ALBERNI
We have 90 acres, just out of Alberni. The property has a commanding position, with good view of the valley and canal. For sale at less per acre than small lots the same distance from town are offered at. Terms and price at office.
NANOOSE
160 Acres near Nanoose Bay, with coal rights. Coal has been found on the next section. \$50 per acre.
PORTAGE INLET
107 Acres, fronting on Inlet, 40 acres cleared, cottage and barn worth \$2500. Young orchard. Splendid property for sub-division. Would make a fine site for school or country club. Only \$22,000.
Richmond Avenue—Choice lot. Price \$1,000.00. Terms.

Corner Trutch and Collinson Streets

114 x 114 feet. A snap at \$2,000.00.
Corner Seacrest and 54th Avenue—110 x 120, splendid location. \$3,500.00.
Island Road Sub-division, Oak Bay—Lots 1-3rd acre. Splendid building sites. We are sole agents.

FRUIT LANDS

We have a block of over 800 acres of splendid fruit land in Kootenay District. Would divide well into 5 and 10-acre tracts. Will be sold at a bargain.
FIRE INSURANCE WRITTEN
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
IN PROBATE.
In the matter of the Estate of George Anthony Walkem, deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trusts and Executors Act," that all persons having any claims or demands against the above named deceased who died on or about the 13th day of January, 1908, at the City of Victoria, B.C., are hereby required to send by registered post prepaid, or to deliver, to the undersigned solicitors herein for George Gillespie, executor under the last will of the said deceased, their names and address and full particulars in writing of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration.
And Take Notice that after the 10th day of March, 1908, the said George Gillespie will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and that he and the said George Gillespie will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim he shall then have received notice.
All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.
Dated at Victoria aforesaid this 3rd day of February, 1908.
MORSEY & O'REILLY,
Of Imperial Bank Chambers, corner of Government and Yates Streets, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the said George Gillespie, Executor.

NOTICE

At the next sitting of the Licensing Board for the City of Victoria, I intend applying for a transfer of the Liquor License held by me upon the premises known as No. 1111 Broad Street, in the City of Victoria, to A. R. McDonald.
ANNA BURNS,
Executrix of the Estate of L. G. Burns.
Dated this Seventh (7) day of February, 1908.

NOTICE

We have several large
Furnished Houses
To Rent
For six months or so.
Possession can be obtained about the end of this month.

SHERIFF'S SALE

In accordance with an order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, dated the 13th day of February, 1908, I will offer for sale at public auction at my office, Law Courts, Victoria, on Wednesday next, February 19th, at 10.30 a. m., lots 35, 36, 44 and 45 of block 4, Gonzales Estate, Victoria. Terms of sale cash.
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FOR SALE

80 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke harbor.
FINE SEA FRONTAGE—At Esquimalt, about three acres. Cheap.
TWO LOTS—On Victoria harbor with large wharf and sheds and 2 large warehouses in good condition. On easy terms.
THREE LOTS—On Yates street with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.
TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street. Rent \$130 per month.
For further particulars apply to

J. STUART YATES

22 Rastion street, Victoria.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

Tenders, sealed, endorsed, and addressed to the undersigned, from whom specifications may be obtained, will be received up to 4 p. m. on Monday, the 16th day of March, 1908, for the supplying of the following cast iron water pipes:
33,000 FEET 12-INCH,
18,000 FEET 8-INCH,
36,500 FEET

A Few Special Mid-Week Bargains

The offerings which we have selected are the kind that is needed daily and which touches your purses lightly, especially do we wish to emphasize the savings which can be made of Men's High Class Footwear. Then too is the Housewares Section, which offers splendid bargains on this page. Housewives will do well when in this section to look over the tables carefully as they will be surprised at the many savings in every-day needs to be found.

Turkish Scroll Couches Greatly Reduced. Regular \$14.00 to \$17.50. Wednesday's Price

\$9.75



Tomorrow the furniture department comes forward with an extraordinary offering of Turkish Scroll Couches. They are well tufted and upholstered in cotton repp, also in armure and English and German Tapestries in assorted colors, in floral vendure and conventional designs. Regular values of these pieces of furniture was \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$16.50 and \$17.50, but for clearance on Wednesday we have marked them at

\$9.75

Special Bargains in Men's Patent Leather Shoes, Reg. Values up to \$7.50. Tomorrow ...

\$3.75



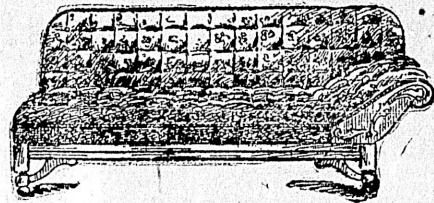
On Wednesday we are placing on sale all Men's Patent Leather Boots which was part of a special purchase. These are all high grade and include the smartest styles of the season in lace and button shoes. At this price it would pay men to purchase a couple of pairs. They will never come amiss. Summer is coming on, which makes it imperative that you should purchase your needs now. Regular values \$6.00 to \$7.50. Special Wednesday ..

\$3.75

Bed Lounges at Special Prices Regular Values \$16.50 to \$18.50. Wednesday at

\$9.75

These desirable pieces of furniture are of our own manufacture and are all well finished. The frames are very strongly put together, while the upholstery is of the best quality in their particular line. No person will regret the expenditure on one of these lounges. They are covered in English and German tapestry, also in armure. Regular values were \$16.50, \$17.50 and \$18.50. Special Wednesday ..



\$9.75

Dainty and Charming Effects in New Muslins

The new muslins which we are showing are indeed beautiful, attractive, and surprisingly low priced. Any lady cannot fail but be attracted by their loveliness and refinement. Priced at per yard

50c

House Furnishing Section a Place of Savings

The House Furnishing Department, 2nd. floor offers an unmerited opportunity to save of fine Carpets, Rugs and Curtains. Everybody contemplating brightening up the house for spring cannot go astray by coming here and inspecting the many excellent values contained therein.

German China Cups and Saucers. Reg. 35c for 12½c

These Cups and Saucers are made of fine German China, decorated with fancy gold traced border in very dainty and new shapes. Regular value 35c. Special Wednesday ..

12½c

Brisbae Door Panels at Less Than Half

75 BRISBAE DOOR PANNELS, in white and ecru net ground, applique design with 6-inch ruffle, size 24 in. x 36 in., with cord loops for rod. Regular price 75c. For Wednesday at

35c

Our Mail Order Service Ensures Satisfaction and Promptitude

Our mail-order service meets with the requirements of all out-of-town residents. No worry or inconvenience when doing your shopping in this manner at this store. All orders are promptly looked after and shipped with the utmost care. An order from you will convince you of the fair and courteous treatment received at our hands. A trained staff of mail-order assistants does your shopping with the same preciseness and care as if you were attending personally.

Our New Spring and Summer Catalogue is Free for the Asking

and will be mailed to you without delay upon receipt of your name and address. You will find it a most interesting book on the latest tendencies of the fashion world, showing the most up-to-date styles in Millinery, Costumes, Men's Ready-to-wear Apparel, besides containing a splendid list of daily needs in Staple Articles, Housewares, Stoves, etc. It is well worth the trouble of writing for, so do so today.

Sterling Values in Fine Cutlery For Wednesday's Shoppers

Wednesday we are placing on special sale a very large assortment of fine cutlery. This includes various odd lines representing the best makers of GOOD cutlery. No housewife should let an opportunity like this pass by without taking advantage of these offerings.

\$1.50 Knives and Forks \$1.00
TABLE KNIVES AND FORKS, with iron handles. Regular values, per dozen pairs, \$1.50. Special on Wednesday at

\$1.00

\$2.00 Knives and Forks \$1.50
TABLE KNIVES AND FORKS, with bone handles. Regular value per dozen pairs \$2.00. Special for Wednesday

\$1.50

25c Bread Knives for 15c
BREAD KNIVES, with carved wood handles, good cutters. Regular value 25c. Special on Wednesday

15c

50c Bread Knives for 25c
BREAD KNIVES, with carved wood handles, extra good quality. Regular values 50c. Special Wednesday

25c

\$2.50 Dessert Knives for \$1.50
DESSERT KNIVES, celluloid handles. Regular values per dozen \$2.50. Special Wednesday at

\$1.50

\$5.00 Dessert Knives for \$3.00
DESSERT KNIVES, with celluloid handles. Regular value per dozen \$5.00. Special Wednesday

\$3.00

\$6.00 Dessert Knives for \$3.90
DESSERT KNIVES, with celluloid handles. Regular values per dozen \$6.00. Special on Wednesday

\$3.90

\$4.50 Table Knives for \$3.00
TABLE KNIVES, with celluloid handles. Regular price per dozen \$4.50. Special Wednesday

\$3.00

\$2.75 Table Knives for \$1.50
TABLE KNIVES, with celluloid handles. Regular price \$2.75. Special Wednesday

\$1.50

\$6.50 and \$7.50 Table Knives \$4.50
TABLE KNIVES, with celluloid handles. Extra good quality. Regular values \$6.50 and \$7.50. Special Wednesday

\$4.50

\$2.50 Table Forks for \$1.50
NICKEL TABLE FORKS, very heavy. Regular price per dozen \$2.50. Special Wednesday

\$1.50

\$4.00 Table Forks for \$2.50
NICKEL TABLE FORKS, English make. Extra good quality. Regular price per dozen \$4.00. Special Wednesday at

\$2.50

\$1.75 Dessert Forks for \$1.40
NICKEL DESSERT FORKS, very good quality. Regular price per dozen \$1.75. Special Wednesday

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\$2.00 Dessert Forks for \$1.60
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A Special Sale of Hearth Rugs for Tomorrow

24 ENGLISH AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS, size 36 in. x 72 in., floral and oriental designs. Figured ends. Regular price \$4.50. Wednesday at

\$3.40

An Important Purchase of Fancy Blouse Silks on Sale Wednesday

Regular Values 75c. Special at 50c

We have just received and have on display in our Government Street windows a special purchase of Beautiful New Silks for summer use. Soft and radiant in all colors and will wash like muslin. They are in many charming designs and effects, such as stripe, dot, floral and brochas and just the kind for making up a beautiful blouse. The regular value was 75c. Special Wednesday at

50c

Try the Vacuum House Cleaning System

It is the most satisfactory way of cleaning your carpets. No dust or dirt flying about the house when using this method. Every particle is drawn by suction through tubes from your carpets. No furniture moving, in fact all heavy, distasteful work accompanying spring housecleaning is done away with when using

The Vacuum House Cleaner

When thinking of doing your house cleaning phone up carpet department 1685 for full particulars and rates, but we suggest you getting your order in as early as possible owing to the season advancing.

Charming Modes in Ladies' Spring Costumes

The new Spring Costumes which we are showing are decidedly distinctive and surpasses all previous ones. They are indeed pleasing in the extreme to look upon. Below we are quoting three very attractive ones:

Ladies' Costume at \$35.00

in French Panama and Venetian Cloths, hip length, double-breasted, with rolled collar and cuffs, semi-fitting back and loose front, jacket lined throughout with sateen, full pleated skirt, in colors of black, navy, brown, green and tweed mixtures. Price

\$35.00

Ladies' Costume at \$45.00

finished at waist with deep girdle, new butterfly sleeve, flat collars inlaid with silk braid, coat lined throughout with silk, skirt 15-gored with pleat at each seam, in colors of navy, black, brown and light tweed effects. Price

\$45.00

Ladies' Costume at \$37.50

hip length coat, tight fitting back and front, three-quarter length butterfly sleeve, flat collar, sleeves and collars finished with silk braid; coat is silk lined; skirt is circular cut and finished with bias folds, in colors of navy, brown and tweed effects. Price

\$37.50

Special Bargains in Wash-Day Needs Wednesday

New Century Washing Machine Regular Value 9.50. Special at \$4.75

Wednesday we are placing on sale the New Century Washing Machine. This machine is constructed with a base spring, producing the gravity motion, making it so easy in motion that a child could handle it, construction throughout is first-class in every way and is an indispensable article to the housewife. The regular value was \$9.50. Special Wednesday

\$4.75

The Vollmar Washing Machine Regular Value \$8.75. Special at \$4.75

THE VOLLMAR WASHING MACHINE is one of the best that is on the market. It has a large lever which produces an action, doing the washing and rinsing at the same time. Will do your wash day's work in half the time that you could do it otherwise. Reg. value was \$8.75. Special for Wednesday

\$4.75

Brilliant Effects in Novelty Robes at Moderate Prices

The stock of beautiful novelty robes which we have on hand is simply dazzling in the extreme in unusual variety of fascinating styles, in fact they cannot be described in a word, each being different, distinctive, almost illusive, in their beauty, effects that the world's most renowned and cleverest designers have evolved out of their inner consciousness withal moderately priced.

Ladies' Charming Evening Coats

The showing of Evening Coats which are to be seen on the second floor is indeed charming. An evening coat is a necessary part of every lady's wardrobe, there are so many times when they can be worn going to the theatre or social affair. These are all correct new models suitable for all social functions of the year. Any lady with a leaning towards beauty cannot help but comment about the loveliness of these garments. The most elegant and refined of expressions of artistic designing are richly represented in this array. The materials they are made of are fine broadcloth, Venetians in creams, light greys, fawns, biscuit, mauve and light tan lined with fine quality silk and satin beautifully trimmed with silk braid and fancy gimp, new kimona sleeves, coats in 7-8 lengths, at prices ranging from \$90.00 to

\$60

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